



Visionaries

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New School Year at Project: VISION

Fall is in full swing here at Project: VISION! We have had a great start to the school year so far!

Our after school homework tutoring program is filling up fast with students, many who we already know well (welcome back!) and some new faces as well (glad you are joining us!). This year, in addition to homework help, we are also striving to make teaching good study habits and skills a priority. All students will participate in enrichment activities to help hone these skills, and each student will be offered one hour of scheduled one-on-one tutoring each week. Our goal is to give each student the individualized attention that they need. We thank the many volunteer and staff tutors, many who are students themselves at Loyola University and University of Illinois



@ Chicago, who make this possible! Look for tutor-tutee pairings to be finalized by the end of the month!

What else is going on at Project: VISION? Well, our programs are never complete without service learning! The Teen Advisory Panel (TAP) just convened for the first time this month. The Panel, made up of eight of Project: VISION's high school students will be putting together a media advocacy piece that will spread awareness and help promote an anti-tobacco message. Some students said they wanted to "make a difference" while others wanted to "help educate the community and improve the health of our neighbors" by participating in this committee.

The final media piece will make its debut on November 17th, during the Great American Smokeout, an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to encourage smokers to quit together on this date. Look out for our student's final projects! We thank the Asian Health Coalition for bringing this program to our students!

PV Funded by the Springboard Foundation!

We at Project: VISION were very excited to be awarded a grant by the Springboard Foundation last month! The Springboard Foundation is a supporting organization of the Chicago Community Trust. The Foundation specifically invests in grassroots organizations like Project: VISION that provide after school programs to high need neighborhoods that often have difficulty obtaining financial support.

We are excited to be working with them this year and anticipate many great opportunities to build our organization's capacity and strengthen our programs to become more self-sustaining! For more information about Springboard and the other great organizations they support, please visit their website <http://springboardfoundation.org>.



Springboard Foundation

Project: VISION

Project: VISION's mission is to provide youth in the Bridgeport & Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, personal, interpersonal, and civic development.

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Project: VISION Needs Your Votes!

Each year, the Chicago Sun-Times Charity Trust awards grants to charities in the Chicago region that support youth in education, art and civic engagement.

This year, the Trust has set up the [Sun Shine Project](#) for the greater Chicago community to "shine a light" on worthy charities and select projects that deserve a grant.

Project: VISION was nominated to receive grants for two programs during Phase 1!!

Phase 2 is now open, and this is where we NEED YOUR HELP! PV is in the running to receive \$5,000 for each program, and we need your VOTES! Voting is very easy:

1. Go to the [Sun Shine Project](#) page. www.chicagosunshineproject.com
2. Click 'Get Started'
3. Either create an account ~OR~

sign in through Facebook!

4. Look for a confirmation in your email. You must accept it and create a password, then access the website.

5. VOTE for our 2 PV projects: [After School Homework Tutoring](#) and [Project: Youth Initiative](#)

6. ALSO, leave a comment... They DO count in the final judging! If you have a story about PV or have some thoughts about why PV deserves a grant, leave a comment!

Voting ends **OCTOBER 9TH!**

Please help us get the word out! Feel free to post our links on Facebook or Twitter. Tell everyone!

\$10,000 or even \$5000 would go a long way for PV and our students!

SUN SHINE PROJECT 

Upcoming Events

Healthy Places to Walk

Saturdays 10a-12:30p, October 8, 15, 22, 29th

Help combat obesity by making our community's streets and sidewalks safer for walking! Earn 10 service learning hours.

4th Annual Fall Soiree & Silent Auction

Friday, October 14th, 7-10pm

Come support our biggest fundraiser of the year at Mars Gallery! Stay tuned for more details!

Corn Maze Adventure!

Saturday October 22nd 3p-10p

Join us at Richardson Farm Corn Maze, the largest corn maze in the world! See Michelle for a permission slip.

The Center will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, October 10th- Columbus Day

Thursday, November 24th- Thanksgiving

Sign up for any program online at:
www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html



Don't forget to **RSVP** for the **Fall Soiree & Silent Auction!**
Thank you to our sponsors!

