

4-H YOUTH VOICES PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Dream It, Design It, Do It-Massachusetts Avenue Project

The Dream It, Design It, Do It Project was an urban planning project taught to youth At the Massachusetts Avenue Project Center. Youth gained the opportunity to shape And design space improvements/ enhancements for space located behind the center. The youth were taught skills by professional urban designers and presented their Collaborative design to local officials for funding.

The Pioneers-Youth Opportunity Program

The Pioneers group chose to enhance a local school with equipment and resource Donations. The youth participants interviewed students, teachers and staff to Determine what types of materials they could donate. Some examples of equipment They donated were new microscopes, maps, globes, television and VCR. These Materials were donated to make these particular classrooms more conducive to Learning for students.

Young Entrepreneurs-Youth Opportunity Program

The Young entrepreneurs group chose to start a small candy business to fundraise Money for community activities. The group sold candy through mobile briefcases to Community members to raise the funds. One activity the group helped to fund was a Local youth sports activity.

Better Generation-Lackawanna Municipal Housing

The group enhanced the Mabel Truit Community Center with new games, Technology and media equipment for youth. They also sponsored a community Gathering to introduce area residents and youth to the opportunities/offerings of the Center and 4-H programs, as well as build the morale of all community members.

Youth with Positive Attitudes-Buffalo Public Community School #53

The group consisted of youth from the 7th and 8th grades of the school. They Sponsored an after-school student-staff basketball tournament in the school. The Purpose of the event was to bring students, staff, parents and community members Together.

R.A.R.E. (Respected, Ambitious, Responsible, Enlightened)-CRUCIAL Center

The group completed an overnight “lock-in” event at the CRUCIAL Center. They Cleaned the center and upgraded the recreational equipment and art supplies. They Also participated in team building activities during the event. The group wanted to Improve the center for youth that attend activities there.

FYBY (For Youth, By Youth)-Saints Brigid and Columba Center/CRUCIAL

The group did a community center improvement and renovation project at the Community House site at 582 Sycamore Street. The group tackled improvement and Renovation tasks such as painting and wallpapering. Experienced volunteers and Community members assisted the youth.

Elevated Minds-Pratt Willert Center/Buffalo Urban League

The group consisted of thirteen youth from the Pratt Willert Center. They chose to Revitalize a neighborhood park located in Downtown Buffalo. The project included Litter clean-up, graffiti removal, painting and the installation of new basketball rims.