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Young Entrepreneurs Society

YES SUMMER
January-November
2009

Objective

To help 500 teens and young adults in the Franklin County and North Quabbin region find and follow their own paths to prosperity through entrepreneurship, job readiness and financial education in 2009.

Documented Results

YES BizCenter / YES Ink / PhilHarmonix ► *job training, work and business experience*

44 youth interned at YES BizCenter in 2009, gaining 3,925 hours of training and experience by helping 3,889 customers with their print/copy/fax/ship needs. 5 youth worked 587 hours earning \$4,700 as WIA-Youth trainees. 11 youth worked 1,104 hours and earned \$8,832 working at one of our three ventures as Summer Youth Employment Program trainees. YES BizCenter donated \$9,550 in print, copy and document finishing services to over 40 community organizations.

BizQuiz.org ► *entrepreneurship and employment self-assessment*

72 youth took our 50-question on-line survey to assess their career interests.

BizVenture! ► *entrepreneurial training*

18 youth learned the nuts & bolts of planning, starting and operating their own business in this 54-hour entrepreneurship program.

BizTube / YouthTube ► *digital arts training & business exploration*

26 youth wrote, produced and screened their own digital stories and area business owner interviews in three 24-hour multi-media programs.

BizTrips & Other Activities ► *business experience, college exposure, recreation*

8 youth traveled to NY, NY to buy products to sell at Greenfield's July 4th event. Also netted \$550 in pizza sales. 9 toured Hampshire College and Mt. Wachusett Community College. 20 swam at Hampton Beach. 11 danced, played games and watched movies at our overnight Halloween Party. 19 attended our Annual Meeting.

Odd Job Squad ► *work and business experience*

66 youth used this on-line and tabloid advertising service to find work helping residents, businesses and organizations with odd jobs.

North Quabbin Time Bank (a YES-sponsored program) ► *work experience*

111 area residents, including a number of YES members, traded 456 hours of neighborly services through 108 cashless transactions using time as their currency.

Learn 2 Earn ► *job-readiness training*

23 youth participated in one of two 30-hour job-readiness programs. Most completed an additional 36-hours as interns at YES BizCenter.

MoneySmart ► *personal finance training*

26 teens and young adults took part in this 12-hour financial literacy program.

TechACCESS ► *making opportunities accessible*

26 teens and young adults with disabilities received a technology use and needs assessment and assistance in researching and using accessible technology.

Teen Cyber Café ► *overcoming the digital divide, tackling hunger, community events*

38 new members joined our Café to enjoy free computer and wired and wireless-N internet, bringing cumulative membership to 300 (since 2004). 1 youth ran our Federal Summer Meals Program, serving 495 lunches and 495 snacks to teens on 33 days. The Café hosted 1 parent focus group; 2 low-income tax assistance and 2 Generation Q sessions; a design charrette; and sewing & Japanese classes.

North Quabbin Young Leaders Council ► *leadership & community service*

34 youth from 6 towns met 50 Mondays, spending 1,761 hours planning and implementing activities: they attended 9 meetings of Orange Cultural Council, Youth Policy Board, and REB Youth Council; ran shuttle parking and tabled at Garlic & Arts Festival; tabled the River Rat Race and the Millers River Challenge; painted at Roxbury Community College with Governor Patrick; assisted with a V-Day theatre production; raised \$608 through fundraisers; and won \$30,503 in grant funding to create a teen music studio and teen web portal. Leia Graham won a Peacemaker Award and Ben Simon was a Youth Citizen of the Year nominee.