



# Peaceful Corners

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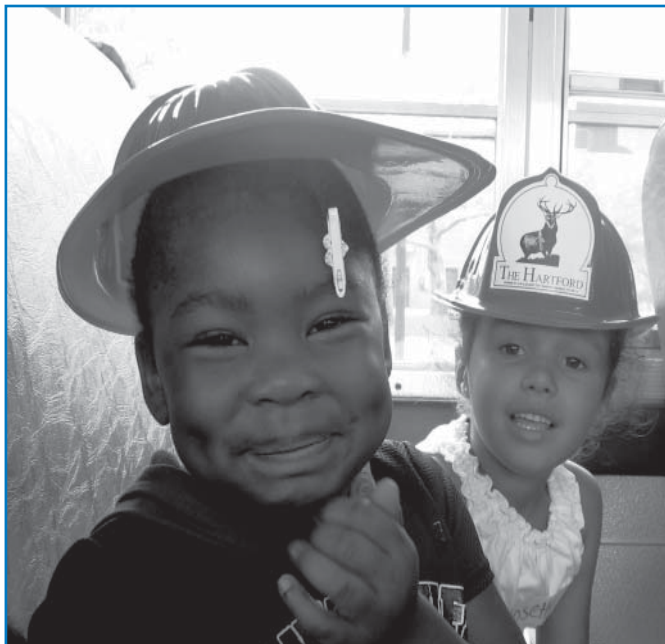
## Another Successful Summer!

Peace Neighborhood Center is proud to tell you about our most recent "Youth on the Move" Summer Day Camp. This year 122 young people from across Washtenaw County got together every Monday through Thursday from June 30th through August 12th to explore, create and make lasting friendships.

Campers experienced everything that the Ann Arbor area has to offer as they engaged in a number of organized activities and leisure opportunities. Over the course of the six-week program, Peace staff members and volunteers took participants on field trips to area parks and various other points of interest.

In addition to the annual trip to the Toledo Zoo, youth had the chance to go out to Dexter to enjoy some blueberry picking and Kensington to visit a petting farm. Here in Ann Arbor, campers were able to visit the fire station, go bowling, go ice skating and experience the sights and sounds of the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Of course, the most rewarding part of the summer was the Celebration Wrap-up at the end where campers demonstrated everything they had learned over the course of the program. Friends and family were treated to dance performances, musical recitals, informative presentations and a raucous (cont. on Page 2)



Peace Neighborhood Center's mission is to provide programs for children, families, and individuals who are affected by social and economic problems.

Peace helps people discover options, enhance skills, and make choices that lead to self-sufficiency and positive community involvement



## Summer (cont.)

show by the PNC Drumline. What a wonderful summer!

Peace Neighborhood Center would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for adding to the overall experience of our campers this year:

- Ann Arbor Airport
- Ann Arbor Ice Cube Fitness
- Ann Arbor Fire Station
- Bel-Mark Bowling
- Colonial Lanes Bowling
- Elmo's Main Street T-Shirts
- Hudson Mills Nature Center
- Kensington Petting Farm
- Quality 16
- Silver Lake
- Toledo Zoo
- Vet's Park/Pool
- Zingerman's Bakehouse



Blueberry Picking in Dexter



Competition at the Connect Four Championship

## Young Leaders Emerge at Peace Neighborhood



Actress Nyima Funk visiting the LDC

In addition to the 80 plus 5-10-year-olds we served over the course of the six weeks, we had over 40 middle school age kids this year that became part of our inaugural Leadership Development Camp (LDC). This camp, which ran alongside our traditional Summer Day Camp, focused on teaching these young people about what it means to be a leader and the qualities of successful leadership. Through various exercises and activities, these young people demonstrated their personal integrity and responsibility on the way

toward becoming successful leaders and outstanding young adults.

The highlight of this program was the succession of community leaders who attended an LDC function to address the campers about their role as a leader. On behalf of the campers and everyone at Peace Neighborhood Center, we would like to thank Mayor John Hieftje, Police Chief Barnett Jones, Principal Sulura Jackson of Skyline High School, former 5th Ward City Council Member and Associate Director of the University of Michigan Community Scholars Program Wendy Woods and actress Nyima Funk from MTV's Wild 'N Out.



LDC Members on a Leadership Exercise

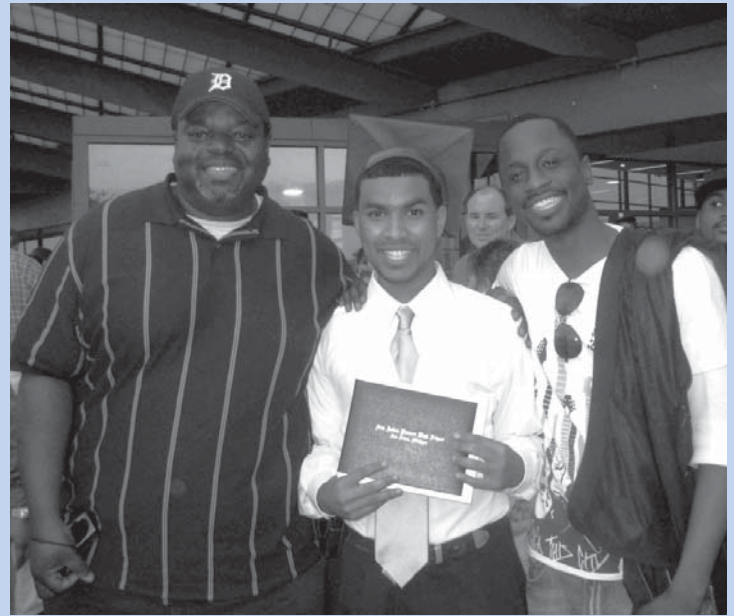


Leadership Development Camp with Mayor John Hieftje

## Peace Neighborhood College/Career Prep Club Salutes the Class of 2008!

The College/Career Prep Club (CCPC) is the final experience in our series of integrated youth programs aimed at helping at-risk young people move into successful adult lives. CCPC encourages high school students to aspire to and prepare for college or career training, and we provide the practical guidance and support to help them succeed. Once they are enrolled in a higher education or training program, we continue to provide support to make sure they succeed and begin careers after graduation.

We are very proud of this year's graduates and we look forward to assisting them in their transition from high school into secondary education and the workforce. Thanks to their hard work and determination, the College/Career Prep Club is the largest it has ever been. Great job, Class of 2008! You've raised the bar for the Class of 2009. Terrific!



## Old Building Gets Made Over into "Peace House"

If you haven't yet heard, PNC is launching its very own supportive housing facility this fall in our old building. Dubbed "Peace House", this two-unit duplex will provide living space for up to two area families at any given time. This will allow these families to avoid the mental and financial costs of eviction or homelessness while they work to stabilize their situation.

Located right across the parking lot from Peace's main building, "Peace House" residents will have access to all the services PNC provides right in arm's reach. Children in the families will benefit from the proximity of our Youth Services, while older family members will work one-on-one with our Adult Services Coordinator to assess their situation and come up with a plan to get them back toward self-sufficiency. We are excited about this project and want to thank the following area businesses, organizations and individuals for their assistance.

### Thank you for making "Peace House" a reality!

Anderson Paint  
Big George's  
Fingerle Lumber  
Larry Friedman  
IBEW Local 252  
Mary Kalmes  
Alvin Nunn  
Stadium Hardware  
Tribble Painting Company  
UA Local 190  
Washtenaw Community College  
School of Residential Construction  
and Design  
Monty Vincent  
Zion Lutheran Church



## Calendar of Events

### October

30th Halloween Party

### November

19th Thanks For Giving Benefit Dinner

### December

4th Family Night/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

16th Holiday Celebration

20th - 24th Holiday Toy and Food Distribution

For more information regarding any of these upcoming events at Peace Neighborhood Center, please call 734-662-3564 or email Kevin Lill at [klill@peaceneighborhoodcenter.org](mailto:klill@peaceneighborhoodcenter.org).

## Comerica Sponsors Honorary Tigers at Peace

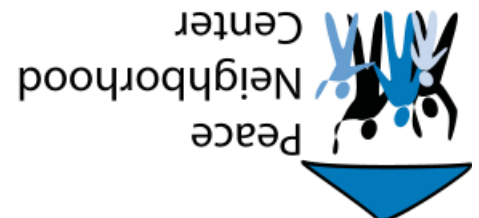
Through a program at Comerica Bank, De-Shawn and Solomon, two members of Peace Neighborhood Center Youth Services, got to experience a day as Honorary Tigers this summer. The two boys got to go down on the field at Comerica Park and meet the likes of Brandon Inge, Curtis Granderson and manager Jim Leyland. It is an experience they will never forget. Thank you again to our friends at Comerica Bank for making this special day possible!



## Peace on the Web

To help PNC save on paper and costs, you can check out our new website at [www.peaceneighborhoodcenter.org](http://www.peaceneighborhoodcenter.org) or sign up for our e-newsletter version of *Peaceful Corners* by sending an email to [klill@peaceneighborhoodcenter.org](mailto:klill@peaceneighborhoodcenter.org). Peace Neighborhood Center does not rent, sell, or exchange information with third parties.

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