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## SUMMER YOUTH SERVICES 2015

This year's Summer Youth Services including the Summer Day Camp for elementary youth, the Leadership Development Camp for middle school youth, the Ninth Grade Academy for those entering high school and SAT/ACT prep workshops for older teens in the College & Career Prep Club began on June 29th and ran through August 6th. All together, Peace served over 150 youth during the six-week camp across all of its programs. Additionally, the ABC Academic Bridge Camp extended camp for two weeks for select students needing additional help to academically prepare for the coming school year.

Of all of the programs featured during this year's services, the Summer Day Camp for elementary youth is still the largest individual program of all. Split across five groups for each grade level, campers were treated to trips to the Detroit Historical Museum, Hudson Mills Metropark, Silver Lake, Kensington Farm



Center, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, the Toledo Zoo, the Skate N' Station in Canton and, of course, the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Students participated in academic exercises and team-building games thanks to workbooks provided by ThinkStretch and were involved in many reading related activities in our commitment to literacy through partnership with the Ann Arbor Links and the Ann Arbor District Library's Summer Reading Program. 85 campers participated in this program reading over 300 books combined! Every child also joined two of thirteen different special clubs ranging from cooking to dance to gardening to tennis. Each club put together a special showcase for their talents at the Summer Youth Services Celebration on August 6th.

What a great summer! Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, summer youth staff, counselors-in-training and all of you out there reading this. We couldn't do it without you!



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.



# PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE!

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAMP, 9TH GRADE ACADEMY AND COLLEGE & CAREER PREP

The Leadership Development Camp, Ninth Grade Academy and College & Career Prep Club did some amazing things this summer, too. While these camps are more academically focused than their companion elementary camp, there has been lots of fun along the way. In addition to learning about what it takes to succeed in school, become a leader and attend college, these students have had the opportunity to explore possible career paths and what sort of education they might need in order to pursue those paths. As a part of this, Peace is grateful for our partnership with the University of Michigan in allowing our youth the chance to explore the academic environment in a hands-on way. This summer, our teens were able to explore the Life Sciences Institute, the School of Engineering, the Department of African American Studies, the School of Kinesiology/Biomechanics Lab, the School of Art and Design, the Law School, the School of Dentistry and the Museum of Natural History.

Sometimes lost in the shuffle as we report on our other summer programs, Peace's **College & Career Prep Club (CCPC)** spent this summer hard at work. 15 tenth through twelfth graders dedicated two days a week throughout the summer researching post-secondary schools all over the country to determine what is best suited for them and their chosen majors along with visiting local universities for hands-on experiences. In addition, our soon-to-be seniors prepared for the SAT and ACT exam as well as all of the intricacies of filling out college applications. For the first time in the CCPC's history, all of our incoming seniors are set to have their college applications in to their respective schools by November 1st of this year! This August, Peace helped new freshmen move into housing for their first year at Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, EMU and Oakland University.

As we reflect on its success, the College & Career Prep Club has produced some terrific results over the last few years. Peace youth have received Master's degrees in Music Performance, Educational Leadership and Occupational Rehabilitation along with Bachelor's degrees in Nursing, Psychology, Business and Social Work. That is a diverse group of graduates that we expect nothing but continued success from over the coming years. Thank you for your support of the College & Career Prep Club and all of the programs at Peace Neighborhood Center!

**KENYA LEADS A COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP AS A PART OF SUMMER YOUTH SERVICES**



**MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAMP AFTER A VISIT TO U OF M**



**THERE ARE MANY MORE PHOTOS OF ALL OF OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON THE PEACE FACEBOOK PAGE. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK TODAY!**

# A SUMMER OF CHANGE..



**MIKE DAMERON WITH BONNIE AT THE SUMMER YOUTH SERVICES CELEBRATION**

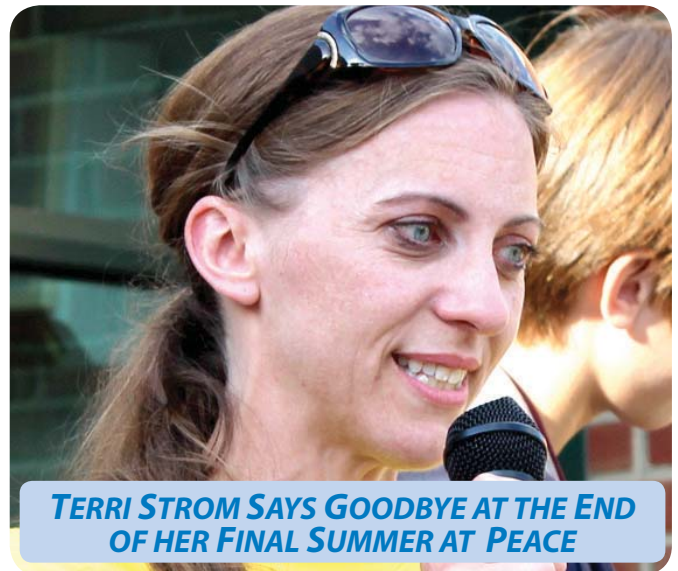
While 2015 saw Peace offer effective youth services to more children across a wider age range than ever before, this summer also unfortunately marked the end of an era in some ways. As we move forward into the next chapter of Peace's history, we would like to take a moment to say goodbye to two terrific members of our team who are leaving to embark on new adventures outside of Peace.

First, Youth Specialist Mike Dameron will be leaving Peace to pursue his career in law enforcement with a position in the Michigan Department of Corrections. A Peace kid who grew up in programs, Mike D has brought his unique blend of humor, hard work and love for our youth for the past six years. He has done everything the organization has asked from driving our vans to helping sort produce at our weekly Food Distribution to working one-on-one with youth. His personality and laugh will continue to inhabit our programs as we wish him the best on his new position. You will be missed, Mike, but never forgotten!

It is with sadness that we also must say goodbye to Terri Strom who has been involved in every inch of our Youth Services for over seventeen years. Terri has left to return to her home state of Minnesota with her family to pursue a new opportunity and to raise her children closer to her loved ones. We wish Terri, Scott, Caleb, Grace and Moses the absolute best on the next step of their journey through life. No matter where they go, the Strom family will always be a part

of the Peace Family. Thank you, Terri, for your years of dedication to this organization and the children and families we serve!

However, as the saying goes, the show must go on. We are proud to announce MaryAnn Meyers will be promoted to Children Services & Volunteer Coordinator. Peace also would like to welcome Bernice Hardman on-board as a Youth Specialist serving in our REACH After School Program and Satellite Center programs. We know the future of Peace programs will continue to shine bright with these capable young women in these roles. While things will not be the same without Terri and Mike, there has always been one constant in Peace's 44-year history – change. We know that this change will only serve to move the organization forward in our mission to serve the children and families of Washtenaw County.



**TERRI STROM SAYS GOODBYE AT THE END OF HER FINAL SUMMER AT PEACE**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER

21ST - YOUTH PROGRAMS BEGIN

### OCTOBER

13TH - FALL FAMILY NIGHT

### NOVEMBER

19TH - 15TH ANNUAL **THANKS FOR GIVING BENEFIT DINNER**



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# ***SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THANKS FOR GIVING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2015***

## ***ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE HAPPENING NOW!***



If you are interested in helping start the school year right for a young person this year, consider dropping off one or more of the following:

- **New backpacks (girls and boys)**
- **Mechanical pencils**
  - Pens
- **5-Star Notebooks**
  - Crayons
  - Markers
  - Glue Sticks
- **Calculators (that include sine, cosine and tangent functions)**

## ***SUMMER WRAP-UP PRINT ISSUE***



***THANK YOU FOR A  
WONDERFUL SUMMER!***