

Our City – My “Town”
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Our City – My Town, *They say “a picture is worth a thousand words”* project will introduce and re-introduce the youth participants of SSYC – Teen Resource Center to their community.

The project will further serve to give the youth in the community a “voice”, it will allow for exposure and expression of what and how some of the youth within the City of Plainfield actually view the city and what they (the participants) feel the city has or does not have to offer the youth residing within Plainfield.

The project will be completed in three parts:

Part I

The project will begin with the participants being introduced and attending photography sessions on Saturday at the Center (SSYC). There will be at least two sessions held prior to the actual commencement of camera utilization.

After completion of the photography sessions the participants will begin taking pictures of what they view to be of interest within the city. The pictures will be taken within a two week timeframe. At the end of the two weeks all participants will label and turn in their cameras for development of the pictures. *The participants will have adult supervision*

Upon return of the pictures the participants will be responsible for a written summation of what they are showing in their picture. Participants will have two weeks to completion.

Part II (To commence 12 weeks after phase I)

The participants will revisit the photography sessions to review and discuss what was completed in the first part, as well as discuss any additional photography critiquing that may need to be done prior to the beginning of phase II. The participants will also have a chance to discuss the pictures and how they felt about what they viewed within the city.

Again, the participants will go out into the community and take pictures of what they view to be of interest within the city.

Upon return of the pictures the participants will (again) be responsible for a written summation of what they are showing in their pictures. They will also complete a final document giving overall summation of both sets of pictures. Participants will have two weeks to completion.

Part III

The whole picture taking series will be showcased at an agreed upon area, (it is our hope that the series will be allowed to be showed in the City Hall Atrium) as well as sent (or presented) to the Plainfield City Council and Mayor.

Proposed Time Line

- Photography Sessions - July 19, 200 & July 26, 2008
- Phase I Picture Taking - July 21, 2008 – August 2, 2008
- Develop & Return Pictures - August 15, 2008
- Written Summation Due - August 29, 2008
- Photography Sessions - September 27, 2008 & October 4, 2008
- Phase II Picture Taking - October 5, 2008 – October 18, 2008
- Develop & Return Pictures - October 30, 2008
- Final Summation Due - November 14, 2008
- Pre- Showcase - December 1, 2008 – December 5, 2008
- Final Showcase (SSYC) - December 15, 2008 – December 19, 2008

Conclusion

It is the hope and belief that this project will allow for the youth within the city to be listened to and their voices heard. SSYC – Teen Resource Center believes that it is important that our future leaders have a voice in where and how they are being led. We humbly request that time be given to allow our future the beginnings of “expression”.

Proposed Budget

Photography Mentor (4 hours x 4 days @ \$20/hr)	= \$ 320.00
Cameras (minimum 10 - maximum 20 participants) (20 cameras @ \$8/each x 2 phases)	= 320.00
Picture development (20 cameras x 2 phases @ \$6/each)	= 240.00
Showcase Refreshments (Pre & Final Showcase @ \$40/per event)	= 80.00
Miscellaneous (transportation, etc)	= <u>40.00</u>
Total Cost	= \$1000.00