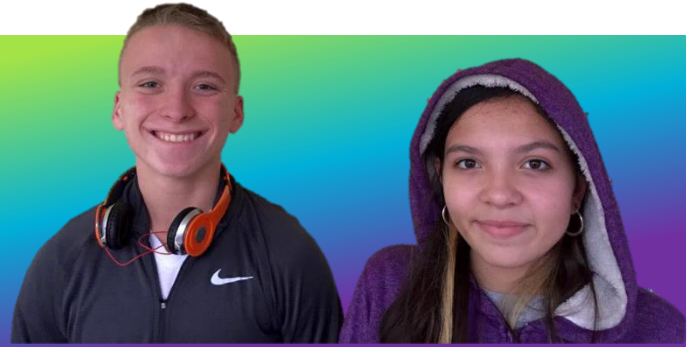


South End Teen Center Quarterly Newsletter

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Teens Visit a Goat Farm!

In June, the SETC teens were invited to a local farm to milk (and hold) baby goats, try out fresh goat cheese as well as goat milk! A few brave teens tried all of the above for the first time. Hunter was one of these brave souls, pictured below holding a baby goat.

At the Teen Center we are always looking for new and exciting things to introduce to the Teens. If you or somebody you know would like to explore sharing something with us at the Teen Center or within the community, please reach out!

Hunter holding a baby goat!



SETC Coordinator's Corner

What a wild, eventful and exciting summer we've had! Since the last newsletter a great deal has happened; teens have transitioned from their previous classes; many graduated high school; Summer Blast field trips seating 70 teens transpired; a new Youth Outreach Worker was hired; hundreds of free and healthy meals were consumed; the building was thoroughly cleaned and updated; and school resumed. And now, here we are with fall knocking at our doorsteps. The teens are segueing back into school or adult life.

At the Teen Center we have the luxury to observe and guide the South End's Teens from sixth grade through graduation. We are excited to witness what the upcoming school year (and beyond) will actualize!

Cody, Teen Leader.

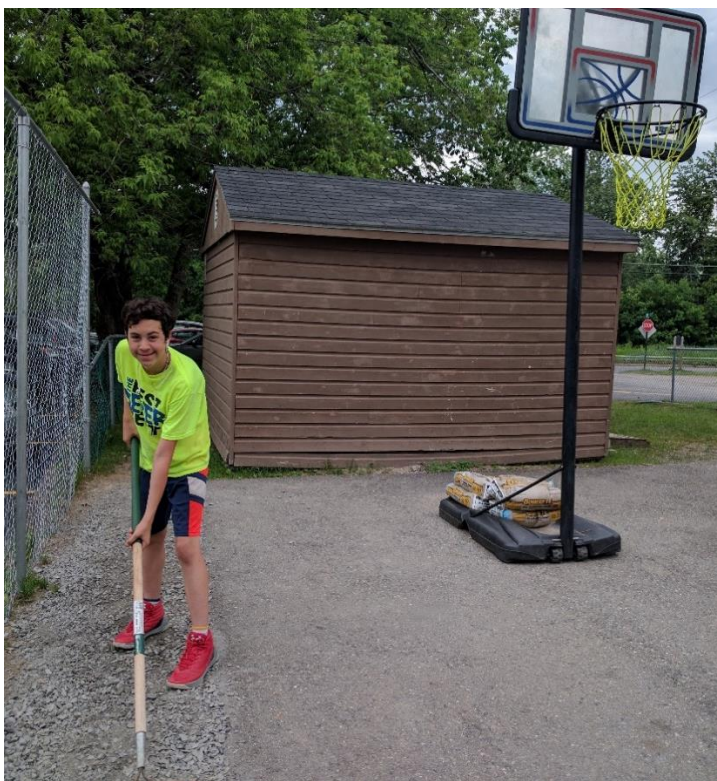


Jordan, G.O.A.T. of a Different Kind

Jordan, pictured below, is one of many self-proclaimed G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time) on the Teen Center basketball court. When he's not "breaking ankles" with his excellent dribbling skills and wicked Euro-step, he can be found helping out at the Teen Center. Jordan and his brother, Dylan (also deadly on the basketball court), helped shovel several wheelbarrows of gravel to fill in the space so that no teens could get hurt and that nobody literally breaks any ankles. Thanks so much, Jordan and Dylan!

With help from the teens, staff are able to keep the space open more than ever before. Whether it's helping improve the basketball court, washing a few dishes, or even picking up a piece of trash that may not belong to them, they are learning that this is their space. By being active participants in day-to-day maintenance helps teach them healthy responsibility and builds gratitude, ownership and teamwork.

Jordan repairs the Teen Center Court



Dylan gets a ride from Youth Specialist, Ched



Another Teen Helping Out!

We can't make this place function at 100% without help from the teens. Here we see Kai helping Anna with our garden and getting dirty!



Summer Blast Trips 2017!

Each summer the Teen Center organizes weekly Summer Blast trips throughout the region to keep our teens active, engaged, and to experience fun and new activities. This summer we went to Benton Family Fun Park, DEW Animal Haven, Funtown-Splashtown (a special trip for our Teen Stars), a Portland Sea Dogs game, Sunbeam Roller Rink, Disc Golfing, Reid State Park, and Get Air!

We'd like to extend thanks to many of these establishments who worked with the Teen Center to ensure we could make these trips to come to fruition.

We filled many cars with Teens this summer. These photos tell a far better story than words. Enjoy!



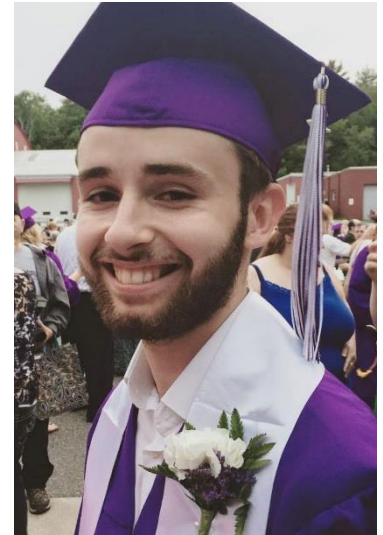
Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates!



Morgan Theriault



Tiffany Hall



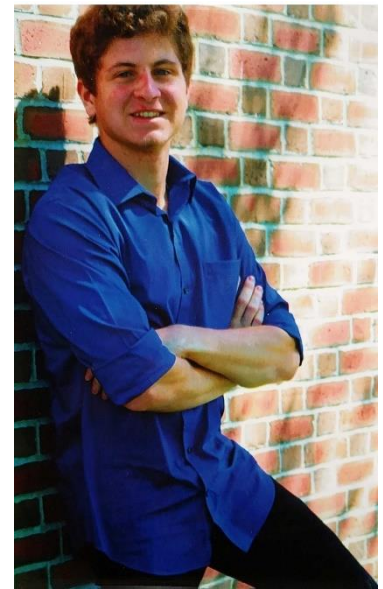
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