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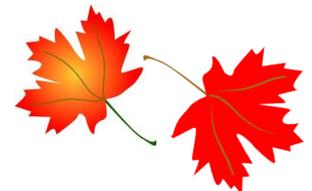
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Abbie Road

Winter is upon us! As I sit here writing this, I am overwhelmed with all the things Revolution has accomplished in the last few months! **OCTOBER WAS CRAZY!!** Revolution helped with Taste of Columbus, the Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil, and hosted the Fall Festival for kids in Schuyler, NE. Seven members of Revolution were also able to travel to Orlando, FL, and present "Nobody's Business" at a national conference. Those attending included Levi McPhillips, Mollie Shevlin, Andy Heusinkvelt, Katie Rodriguez, Claire Fuchser,

Omar Rodriguez, Brandon Campbell, Jonathan Niles and I. It was an amazing time and I was so proud of what we do! Revolution also provided face painting to about 300 kiddos at the Monroe Halloween Festival in October. Needless to say, we were so busy that Revolution volunteered 680 hours in the month of October! **HOLY COW!** Revolution also wrote a Revolution Code of Conduct and Expectations. Savannah will write more about that a bit later. As Christmas approaches, I am reminded of how truly blessed I am. I am so lucky to share a little part of each of your

lives. May you be surrounded by all you love during this Christmas season and remember to count your blessings.



Savannah's Story

Wow, it has a crazy busy last few months for me. All my activities and Revolution together have given me no time for rest but I don't mind because I know that they are all so worthwhile! At the last monthly meeting Revolution was able to get together and write a code of conduct. Basically, it's just rules that we all agreed to follow. I think writing it was a great idea! I was real-

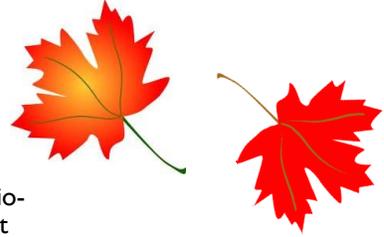
ly excited about how involved all the members were in writing this as a group.

I also surveyed some of the members about what they thought of Revolution. I'll talk about it more later, but the answers I received were great! I even got some that were unexpected and it made me very happy to see what Revolution has taught and how important it is to

so many.

I personally think that the last few times we have gotten together as a group, we have learned so much about each other! Revolution has grown so close as a group. I'm so proud of every single one of us! I thank God for letting me be a part of this amazing group of awesome people. I love you guys!

Revolution's Fall Activities



Revolution was very busy this last fall, especially in the month of October. In total, Revolution had 680 volunteer hours! That is amazing!

Every year, the center hosts a Fall Festival at Schuyler High School. This family event helps us bring awareness into the community, and it also serves as an opportunity for the Center to inform parents about our services. Revolution provided face painting, tattoos, coloring, musical chairs, beanbag toss, and the favorite duck-duck-goose. This year was a huge success. We had over 280 people come through with most of them being kids.

On October 17th, Revolution headed to Orlando, Florida. A group of 7 Revolution "oldies" went and performed our dramatization titled "Nobody's Business" at a national conference called Scope. The presentation went great and they learned a lot of new information about domestic violence and sexual assault. They were also able to spend a day at Disney!

The Center hosted a Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil at Frankfort Square on October 25th. This year it just happened to be held on the coldest day ever! Besides the cold, the vigil went very well. Speakers shared stories of victims who were close to them. A woman who is a survivor spoke of the hardships she went through. Oscar Rodriguez presented the 1 in 3, which is a very moving part of Revolution's presentation. We hope this event was a eye opener for the community.

The Monroe Halloween Festival was October 28th. This year was the first year Revolution participated in this event. The festival was held in Monroe, at the elementary school gym. Kids got to play games and win fun prizes and candy. Revolution was able to provide face painting for all the little kids. We even got to experiment on ourselves! It was hilarious!

On November 11th, Revolution had

a very important theater rehearsal. We worked from nine in the morning until two in the afternoon on the script and its blocking. This rehearsal was a huge stress reliever for all of us. Now that we are well-prepared we will start scheduling some presentations. I really think that the next two years with this script are going to be fantastic.

As you can tell, it has been a very eventful season, but also very rewarding.



Revolution Code of Conduct and Expectations

In our work as Revolution members, there are many attributes and behaviors that we respect and endeavor to mentor to others. Therefore, we agree to come together to abide by the following guidelines in order to become the best mentors possible. If we strive to be honorable, then we can inspire others to do the same.

We will **STICK TOGETHER!** Revolution is a family, and we will support each other.

We aspire to be good leaders, doing what is right even when it's difficult.

We strive to be responsible in our actions, demonstrating punctuality, accountability, and kindness towards others.

We strive to be respectful to ourselves and others.

We aspire to be good listeners, trustworthy and non-judgmental.

We will not engage in any illegal activity. It is hypocritical to ask others to engage in safe be-

havior when we are not making safe choices for ourselves.

We strive to be aware of our social networking, realizing that others look to us as examples of appropriate behavior.

We strive to engage in relationships that are healthy.

We promise to put goodness into the world and have fun while doing it!





What Revolution Really Is..

Yes, I know what Revolution is, but I wanted to see what others thought about the group. So, I surveyed everyone in Revolution and these are just some of the results I received.

What have you learned from being in Revolution?

- “We can all make a difference and be role models in our community.” -Valerie Borer
- “I have learned all about rape and domestic violence, some things I hadn’t realized. I have also learned how to handle difficult topics and how to properly react when someone talks about certain heavy topics.” -Melissa Thalken

How has Revolution changed your views on domestic violence and sexual assault?

- “Before I joined, I had no idea of what it was and that it is bad. But now that I’m educated, I realize it may be a learned behavior and that it can be worked on and fixed. Also, that it is always the assaulter’s fault.” -Andrew Raitt
- “It has showed me that there are many people affected by it and that it concerns everyone in the community. Also, any stand against violence, whether its big or small can make a difference in someone’s life.” -Oscar Rodriguez

What is your favorite thing about being in Revolution?

- “The fact that we all come from completely different talents, skills, and beliefs, but we can come together and do amazing things.” -Taylor Wiester
- “The theatre rehearsals. Also, feeling accepted into an entirely different group than what I’m used to.” -Melissa Thalken

What is your favorite memory from revolution?

- “Meeting new people.” -Nallely Sanchez
- “All of the fun jokes we tell each other!” -Valerie Borer

In one sentence tell me what you think Revolution is all about.

- “I believe Revolution is about bringing our society to awareness on what actually goes on when it comes to sexual assault and battering. Also, bystanders can make a difference.” -Andrew Raitt
- “A group of special kids making a change for the better of the world.” -Taryn Pospisil

These are just a few of the many responses I received. I hope these answers will show that Revolution is not just for fun and games, but that we are here to stick together and change the world one step at a time.

Upcoming Events

- December 13, 14, 17, and 18= Gift wrapping afterschool
- December 16 at 5pm= Christmas Party/Cookies and Caroling
- December 20 at 2pm= Caroling at Housing Authority
- December 20 at 7pm= Caroling at Schneider's
- January 6 at 6pm= Monthly Meeting

