

**Revolution:
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Summer Newsletter

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Abbie Road

Wow, what a crazy summer it has been! I feel like I have experienced the highest of highs and some pretty big lows, too. Summer training, as always, was a complete blast!! We now have 31 members, not including some pretty awesome "oldies" that come back and hang with us frequently. Omar Rodriguez officially passed over his Student Coordinator hat to Savannah Wolfe at the end of May. I truly can't thank him enough for all he's contributed to Revolution. Omar, you know you're

the world to me. We have been busy this summer writing and learning a new script. It's coming along but wow- it's hard work!! Thank you to everyone who's been a part of that. Once again, I am so very proud of each and every one of you. Every event we are present for, whether it's a presentation or a Columbus Days event, people come up to me and remark about how amazing Revolution is. It's not the group that's amazing but the love and dedication each one of you gives that affects so many. Thank you, truly. On

another note; in July, Erin Nahorny's son, Sammy, was diagnosed with cancer. Please follow his journey on www.caringbridge.org; site name samnahorny. I feel blessed to call Erin not only my supervisor, but my friend. Please keep their family in your prayers and take a moment to sign his guestbook. May his journey remind you how blessed each of us are and to appreciate every moment we have to shine. Love you Sammy and proud to be a fellow superhero!

Savannah's Story

Hey everyone! These past three months of being Student Coordinator have been a blast! Having this job has really opened my eyes to what Revolution is. I have also become a lot more involved with all of the activities we do.

This year I get to travel along with the theatre group to all of their presentations. Last year I was in the theatre group but only got to perform at two presentations. Even though I only went to two I saw how much and how many just one presentation can affect. Seriously, Revolution members, if

you haven't been to one, you need to. You don't know what Revolution really is until you sit and watch a performance. Its so inspiring to know that you're in a group that affects so many people in a good way.

I have also learned that being Student Coordinator has a lot more responsibilities then I thought. From newsletter, to planning things, to random things Abbie asks you to do. That reminds me, I think us Revolution members should appreciate Abbie more. We have no idea

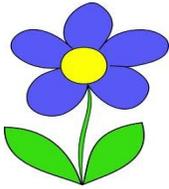
how many countless hours she works to make this group as fun and successful as we are. Once again thank you Abbie for all you do! We love you!

Hope to see everyone soon!

P.S. Good job on replying to me about monthly meetings and activities. Abbie keeps telling me that that's the hardest thing about my job but so far it has been one of the easiest! (let's not change that!)



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Revolution's Summer Activities

This summer Revolution has been very busy with trainings, monthly meetings, and other community activities.

We started off our summer with summer training, like every year. All the new members got to meet everyone in the group and get to know them better. They also got to learn about domestic violence and sexual assault and how to become more aware of these issues.

After training we had theatre try-outs, which went extremely well. We have a lot of kids with a lot of good potential. Soon, we will get everyone together and start practicing for presentations.

Every summer, the Center has a huge fundraiser called the Summer Sizzle. Revolution usually volunteers to help out. Surprisingly, the most fun part was clean up, some of the boys decided it would be fun to cut head and arm holes in huge

boxes, that were decorated as dice, wear them, and then tackle each other. It was hilarious!

Next, we had our annual tie-dyeing on July 9th. This year, instead of bringing our own shirts, we got matching shirts that say Revolution on them. Now instead of just having our black Revolution shirts, we have our tie-dye ones that we can wear to activities. It was really fun to hang out with every one again and everyone's shirts turned out really cool!

Sundaes in the Square is also another community activity we get to be in. We set up a booth and provided face painting for kids. We discovered we have some pretty good face painters in our group! This was a good opportunity to show the community what Revolution is all about.

This year we were asked to play music and help at the foam dance during Columbus Days. It was really fun getting to see all the kids play

around in the foam but we also had to make sure they were not drowning or wrestling around. The best part was we got to stay in a little longer than everyone else and dance and party!

Last but not least, United Way asked us to walk in the Columbus Days parade with them. I enjoyed handing out candy to all the little kids! The best thing about this year is that it wasn't 100 degrees like the last couple of years. The parade is a great opportunity for us to show how proud we are to be in Revolution.



New Year, New Script

Every two years we have to write a new script. This year is one of those years. The script has come together very well. We have it written we just need to run through and block everything. In the past, we've had Mr. Baue, who was the theatre teacher at Columbus High, help us and make it look more realistic.

It's really helpful that the theater group writes its own script. It helps us feel more connected to the characters and the storyline. It's a lot of work but it's worth it because the finished product is going to be great.

We have made some big changes to the new script. Instead of having a good friend and a bad friend, we've

included a healthy couple. We feel like it's important to give the students an example of what's healthy in a relationship. We are also adding a stalking component, which is another aspect of dating violence.

While writing the script has been a lot of work, it's presenting it that is really scary. During the presentation, the audience asks us questions in character. It's one of the best parts of the presentation because it keeps the audience invested. Well because the script this year is brand new, we don't know what kind of questions we're going to get! That's kind of scary when you have to improvise right on the spot. We have such a good group that I'm sure they will do a great job. Plus, we plan on doing some "rehearsal-type" presentations so that is always really helpful.

I'm excited to start presenting our new script. I think it's going to be really effective in spreading our message of non-violence.



Orlando Bound

From October 17-22nd, a group of old Revolution members are heading to Orlando, Florida, to present at The Scope 2012 Conference. This conference will focus on four tracks including: sexual assault, diversity, drugs and alcohol, and hazing.

Members attending are Mollie Shevlin, Levi McPhillips, Katie Rodriguez, Andy Heusinkvelt, Claire Fuchser, Omar Rodriguez, and Brandon Campbell. Abbie and Jonathan will also be going. This is an amazing opportunity for other agencies to see the great work Revolution is doing, and also a great learning opportunity for the group. Other agencies are always incredibly

impressed with the work The Center is doing and surprised at how we are at the forefront of the movement. Very few agencies, even in big cities, have the adolescent services The Center has. Plus, the fact that we have a peer-education group focused on the high school population, is almost unheard of.

After the conference, the members will be going to Disney for a day of fun and celebration.

We are looking forward to Revolution making us proud and hoping they will be able to learn some incredible things, too.



Upcoming Events



October 7: Taste Of Columbus 4:30PM

October 11: Fall Festival 4-6PM

October 14: Monthly meeting 6PM at the Center

October 17-22: Orlando Trip!

October 25th: DV Awareness Vigil 6:30PM

October 28th: Monroe Halloween Festival 1-4PM

November 11: Monthly meeting 6PM at the Center

