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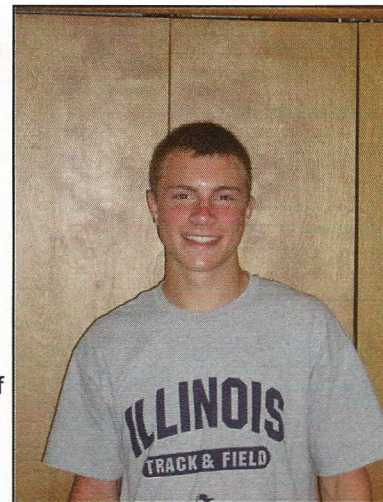


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## Peer Justice Program

In 1999, Juvenile Court Services, local police chiefs, and YSB developed Peer Justice, a court process for teens. Law enforcement officers refer teens who have committed a status offense, misdemeanor or non-violent felony. Last year the program served over 200 teen offenders.

Teens who have their case heard in Peer Justice stipulate to the offense and waive their right to a hearing before a judge. This agreement allows the teen to avoid a court record and the costs and fines associated with a hearing. Respondents also agree to attend a sentencing hearing before a jury of teen volunteers. During a hearing, the teen jury is sworn in and the jurors promise to protect the privacy of the respondent. The jury is then given the opportunity to question the respondent extensively, not just about the offense and its consequences but about the respondent's general behavior at home, school and in the community.



Tim Cornelis

Over 50 teen volunteers helped in the Peer Justice Program last year. One of them was Tim Cornelis. Tim, the son of William and Mary Cornelis, will be a Senior at Alleman High School. He was kind enough to write about his experiences as a volunteer.

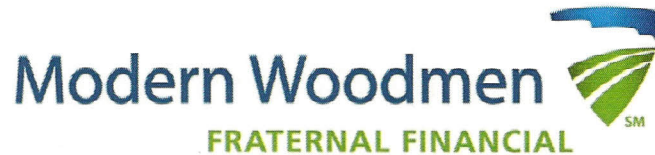
*During high school, I have participated in many different volunteer projects. However, I feel I have learned the most volunteering with the Peer Justice Program, I chose Peer Justice for my junior year service project at Alleman High School because I have always been interested in law, and saw it as an opportunity to learn more about the judicial system. What I gained from serving on the Peer Justice jury, however, was a realization about the tough decisions and conflicts faced by teens in our community every day.*

*Peer Justice taught me to be a good interviewer, to realize that seemingly simple cases often held a deeper, underlying issue. It was never enough for me to a respondent had explained what had happened when they committed their crime, I wanted to know why. What led them to that point? I also discovered anyone can make poor decisions. While many teen offenders have a troubled home life, there are just as many with supportive parents and a safe environment at home. So what drove them to make such regrettable choices?*

*Most often they were negatively influenced by the people with whom they chose to surround themselves. I always tried to ask questions that would help the respondents understand the consequences caused by their unfortunate choice in friends. I hoped this would make them realize the importance of having positive minded people around them. By posing developed questions, the other jurors and I were able to better understand each individual's situation so we could determine the most constructive sentence possible.*

*Volunteering for Peer Justice helped me to gain a new perspective on our community. I had no idea how many area teens were struggling to make good choices. However, I also had no idea how many people are at work, trying to make sure they do. It's obvious that the Youth Service Bureau is doing all they can to help our community's youth, and the Peer Justice Program is a way to give them a second chance at success.*

*Thank you to all our Sponsors, Donors, and Outing Participants for making the 2010 YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing a huge success!! Our May 15<sup>th</sup> Event at Indian Bluff raised nearly \$9000 to help IL Quad City Area youth and their families with counseling and delinquency prevention services.*



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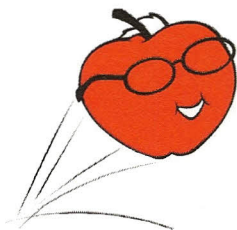
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at Modern Woodmen Park

Saturday, September 11th, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**All Ages Welcome to Come and Enjoy a Day of Marathon Baseball and Softball!**  
**Boys, Girls, Men, Women & Co-ed Teams are invited to come and play ball on the field at Modern Woodmen Park!!** Teams will be paired with other similar teams for a one-hour time slot. This is a great opportunity to enjoy playing "like the pros" in a family atmosphere for fun and lasting memories!

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