



Staff Report

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TO: City Council
THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager
FROM: Chuck Bennett, Mayor

SUBJECT:

Presentation to "Journaling Through Treatment" students

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

RECOMMENDATION:
(Information Only.)

The City of Salem's Youth Development (YD) section seeks to build up healthy, thriving young community members through civic engagement opportunities and direct adolescent prevention and early intervention efforts. Many YD programs are collaborative projects with local nonprofits; when these partners seek to develop additional evidence-based programs, YD is able to provide mini grants to support outreach and impact.

Thanks to a 2017-2018 YD mini grant of \$5,000, coupled with a \$9,000 grant from Willamette University's Atkinson Graduate School of Management, Bridgeway Recovery Services adolescent addiction treatment program was able to launch its "Journaling Through Treatment" youth arts project. The City mini grant purchased music and video production equipment that the teens could use to work through past struggles, rewrite their life stories beyond failures and traumas, and inspire others to do the same. Those who participated in 8+ more Journaling Sessions had a 71 percent treatment completion graduation rate compared to 45 percent graduation rate otherwise.

In only its second year of programming, three teens submitted musical tracks, written and produced in the basement studio of IKE Box Café, to the Teens Make Music national competition organized by Recording Academy MusiCares. The contest challenged young people to create an original song and/or music video that celebrates life without alcohol or drugs, bringing attention to the real-life consequences of substance misuse. One song won first place and the other won third place. For this recognition, the teens traveled to Los Angeles to attend the 61st Annual GRAMMY Awards on Sunday,

February 10.

Attachments:

1. Certificates of Recognition: David Bond, Andrew McMains, and Caleb McDonald