

# YOUTH COMMUNICATION

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## YOUTH LED MEDIA AND ARTS!



### **Youth must be heard and understood!**

Youth Communication is a youth-led media organization that was founded in Chicago in 1976 by Sister Ann Heinze to facilitate positive teen self expression and emotional development through journalism and the publishing of a teen newspaper titled *New Expression*. Today our services are expanding to include Arts Integration programs and an annual teen-run Arts Festival. Youth Communication in Chicago, YCC, shares teen perspectives and accomplishments with their community to foster understanding, empathy and celebration!



# **YOUTH COMMUNICATION CHICAGO**

A Non-Profit Organization

[www.YouthCommunicationChicago.org](http://www.YouthCommunicationChicago.org)

Youth Communication provides Chicago Public Schools administration, and their students, with multimedia vehicles to voice their ideas and discover their talents. Arts exhibitions and performances culminate in an annual Youth Communication Arts Festival.

Youth Communication Chicago (YCC,) helps teens develop their full potential through teen journalism, and arts integration programs that inspire them to succeed in school, work, and community. YCC's programs are grounded in the belief that reading, writing, and the arts stimulate the imagination and contribute to emotional healing, self-actualization, and constructive and compassionate communities.

## **THE YOUTH EMPOWERING PROGRAMS:**

**CORE WRITING PROGRAM:** Professional journalists and editors work with teens to produce true stories about the most important issues in their lives. In those stories, the writers show how they used social and emotional competencies to manage challenges to achieve their goals.

**PUBLISHING PROGRAM:** YCC publishes teen stories in New Expression, a print and online magazine. This program motivates teens to read and write, encourages good values, and shows how to make positive life changes. Teachers and other staff use YCC materials to encourage challenged teens while helping them improve their academic, social, and emotional skills.

**ARTS INTEGRATION PROGRAM:** Elements of the teens' stories are explored through artistic disciplines including visual arts, music, dance, theater, architecture, photography, fashion, and film-making, in small class sizes and one-on-one mentorship programs. Teens learn to engage their senses and wire their brains for successful learning while enhancing their emotional well-being, motor, and social skills.

**ARTS FESTIVAL PROGRAM:** Teens produce an Annual Youth Communication Arts Festival to share their achievements with family, friends, and the community. Through the experience of dignified co-creation, teens inspire other teens to explore personal issues with creative tools, focusing on empowered self-expression. The festival fosters inclusive communities that affirm identity, cross-cultural understanding, and peace while awakening a passion and appreciation for academics, the arts, and lifelong learning.

**THE DONOR PROGRAM:** Coordinates fundraising events to raise money to print and distribute the youth's "New Expression" magazine, and ultimately will raise funds to build a new Chicago Performing Arts facility, that'll also be headquarters for Youth Communication Chicago organization. The facility will provide space for operations, a state-of-the-art performing arts theater/event space for performances, fundraisers, educational programs, and the Arts Festival program.

**UPDATE:** Programs were suspended during the mandated lockdown from March 2020–May 2023, due to the COVID-19 health emergency / global pandemic. Reference: <https://www.illinois.gov/news/press-release.25998.html>.

Youth Communication Chicago's previous business location was at Columbia College. Since the pandemic, the organization has been without office space, and like most people, had no choice but to work from home.

Recognizing the profound impact that Youth Communication makes in teen lives, and the important role it plays in Chicago's cultural landscape, we've included finding immediate office space in our mission, where we can organize fundraising events, and re-launch the Youth Communication Chicago programs.

## **YOUTH COMMUNICATION CHICAGO**

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# COMMENTARY UNCENSORED



by: Screamin' Rachael

Recording Artist, Entrepreneur, Publisher, Music Mogul, House Music Icon, sometimes Controversial, with a dash of Opinionism for good measure.

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**Chicago Teens need help! I'm a resident of Streeterville and the situation is frightening. My belief is that important programs such as after school activities, all ages shows and mentorship in general has been pretty much eliminated. When you look at the Chicago public School system, and the miss-appropriation of funds it's obvious why organizations that try to help have no resources! What we have now is teens going wild in the streets, and I believe unless we take positive action things will only get worse!**

## HERE'S THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

**SOAR (Streeterville Organization of Active Residents) is taking aggressive action to stop the teen takeovers in Streeterville, and SOAR's voice has been heard. Yesterday, SOAR President, Deborah Gershbein attended a community leaders meeting with Alderman Brian Hopkins, 18th District Chicago Police Commander Michael Barz, Sergeant Christopher Schenk, representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Department and other community leaders from the neighborhood.**

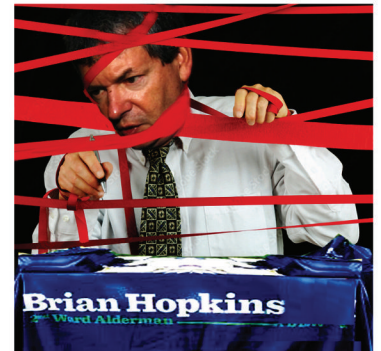
She informed them that we cannot and will not tolerate hundreds of teenagers taking over our streets and terrorizing residents, workers and visitors to Streeterville. The situation at Grand and McClurg and surrounding area is outrageous and cannot continue. The commander promised immediate action and Alderman Hopkins has responded by initiating curfew laws and is supportive of the residents. This will be a process but know that the authorities who can make a difference are diligently working on this horrific situation.



**"Hello Alderman Hopkins, I spoke to James on Thursday,**

***about Youth Communication Chicago, a 501 C3 non-profit organization since 1976, about painting the walls of the underpass. As a resident of Lakepoint Tower for over 20 years, I was happy to see the wall whitewashed and clean. This project I propose will be done by students under the guidance of esteemed artist/educator, Arturo Barerra, and the title of the work will be: "Imagine What Your World Could Be."***

***We have funds, although a donation to further aid our students would be an excellent idea. especially since our neighborhood is having terrible youth problems. They need HOPE and mentors. Please consider this offer and let's be part of the solution. Your help would also be an excellent PR opportunity for our community. Sincerely, -Rachael Cain"***



Finally on the 19th, after writing again, on the 17th I received this answer! "Sounds like a lot of red tape to me!"

Wow, that's not the reply I expected, since Aldermen are usually the one you go to, to help cut through the red tape. Boy is Hopkins quick to clamp down on teens, and give them no guidance, outlets or hope!

Apart from that, so far It's been a terrific year for me! I'm so very happy to have been able to connect with a lot of like-minded individuals! Old

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## ALDERMAN BRIAN HOPKINS

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Hello Ms. Cain,

Thank you for contacting Alderman Hopkins' Office regarding the Grand Avenue underpass.

As the site of any potential mural at this location would be on public property, the permitting process is handled by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). The process involves a community input process from the local neighborhood organization, a budget to be established, and the selection of a pre-qualified artist who is a vendor for the city.

Has your organization worked with DCASE before on public mural projects?

Thank you in advance and have a good weekend!

Best,

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**Alderman Lopez with Mayor Johnson**

**Alderman Byron Sigcho Lopez:** CEO of the Mexican art Museum, **Jose Nunez**, former CEO Carlos **Tortolero** and Congressman Garcia At the announcement of the new art community space in collaboration with **Yollocalli**.

While businesses and neighbors in Hopkins 2nd district contemplate leaving and young people have no guidance or creative outlets, Alderman Byron Sigcho Lopez 25th district is Brimming with hope and excitement. Though I was simply passed off in my area, Alderman Lopez personally took my call and immediately pledged his help.

**Youth Communication Chicago**, will receive help and our IMAGINE project will be the first of many. I want to point out to all of my boiMAGazine Readers that there are many wonderful, restaurants, shops and festivals going on in Pilsen just about every weekend. Though I've spent 20 years in Streeterville, I must say that I have found new friends and family in this area! It is fantastic to know that there are creatives, and people who really care about each other and their community. Alderman Lopez had many encouraging words and more important he takes action!

Here are some of his words and plans: James Balwin wisely said, all children are all ours.

"Today in our city and across the country we see the inhumane treatment of children, youth, and vulnerable communities. This should never be the way we treat the present and future of our communities. School closures, mental health clinics shattered, greed taking away critical resources for our communities in need.

A new world is possible and necessary, and it all starts locally, in our own block, in our own community, caring for one another, especially our children.

In the 25th ward, we understand the importance of community and care for one another, because that is all we often have. Investing in arts, music, programming for our children and youth is critical to build a new future where everyone can be part of.

The key is, let's treat all our children as ours, and let us not fall for the fear mongering and draconian violent solutions. Time to invest in people, invest in our youth and build together a stronger and safer Chicago. Si se puede!"

**The Summer 2024 is officially here!** Activating safe spaces & creating community for our youngsters, block by block. Ground-breaking moment this past Friday with Yollocalli's new Little Village Fire House station that will be a hub for all ages.

Historically it is our youth who mobilize and are the leaders of change. Boogie was a leader and a freedom fighter, who was killed 51 years ago, on this day, June 23rd, 1973. He was a disrupter of the system, and his family continues to keep his legacy alive. Visit the honorary street sign at 18th & Throop. Stay tuned for updates at Throop Park".

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friends, and great new people that I met at Pride Fest at the boiBOOTH have supported my music and endeavors for many years.



Im glad to announce that the non-profit organization "Youth Communication Chicago" board of directors has voted **Michael Macharello** their new Director of Development, and as the General Manager of Donor Relations.

### **WORDS FROM MIKE:**

*Thanks Rachael for the great news and to the board of directors. It's a great honor to be a part of such a worthy cause, especially since I don't have to leave Chicago to accept the position! The mission of the organization and the programs already in place, are perfectly set to benefit the youth of Chicago. As many know, I started on my path as a youth, attending many school and community programs that were available to me. They helped focus me and expand on my interests, which has helped me throughout my life. That includes **Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Church programs, after school programs, camp,***

*and **summer activities**. I had no time to get myself into trouble, in fact I was benefiting from "reaping what I sowed," by participating in the programs offered to me. So of course, I'm more than happy to pay it forward, and anticipate the rewards it brings to everyone involved.*

*Over the years, I have helped hundreds of non-profit community organizations raise money for their worthy causes. I feel that by doing what I can to help these organizations achieve their fund-raising goals, will not only benefit those they intend to help, but myself as well. By investing in their future, I'm investing in my own future, and the environment I like to live in. I always found the saying "you reap what you sow," to be a logical truth. It's a common quote, and comes from the Bible in Glatians 6: 7-9. You don't have to believe in the Bible stories to know that if you plant seeds, and water them, they will grow. I found that It applies to most things in life, and probably that's why it's been such a popular quot, even today.*

*So When Rachael mentioned to me that she was the president of the Youth Communication Chicago non-profit organization, and that the programs they offered were there, but still shut down from the pandemic, I said to her, the hardest work is already done, and being in my wheelhouse, it wouldn't take me long to get the programs back up in running again. But first, we need to find a home base to work from and get the programs up and running.*

*Then one thing lead to another, and suddenly my wheelhouse is in full swing! Ok, that's enough Kumbaya, so, back to you Rachael!*

*Thanks Mike!*

I've tried to give you, our readers and followers an uncensored look at the situation going on with the youth in Chicago and, also bring attention to those interested in helping out. I hope that some of my readers will chime in with suggestions, but even more important actions that they can take! We at Youth Communication Chicago are looking for a space and place to call home, and that can be headquarters for our organization. Where we can work on fundraising campaigns, raise money, and run the youth programs that we offer to the CPD (Chicago Public Schools,) and to the teachers, that work the programs with students one-on-one in small groups, who sign up for the programs that we offer. To know more about these programs, go to: [www.YouthCommunicationChicago.org](http://www.YouthCommunicationChicago.org) for more information.

We are looking for donations and sponsors to make tax deductible donations. We also need people who are artists, educators, and others, willing to share their time mentoring.

Please contact Mike at: [MikeMacharello@aol.com](mailto:MikeMacharello@aol.com) if you want to help. As always I wish you all love!

I wanted to send out a special thanks to **Alderman Lopez, Jorge Cruz, Colby Gallery, Chicago Midwest Made, Irene Michaels, DJ Oliver Fade, Paul Donovan, Daniel DiCriscio,** and all of the many who helped to make our first TRAX FEST on June 15th such a wonderful success!



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