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Neighborhood Cleanups

A bigger part of helping within our community are the trips we took to Clarke Square and Mitchell park cleaning up trash on our way to lunch, and also while in the park.



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Canvassing

During the time that we worked with SOC, we learned many skills such as canvassing for Voter Pledge Cards and we also laid out the groundwork to start up resident groups for Historic Mitchell Street and Lincoln village with Community Surveys.



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Xecutiva

During the time that we worked with SOC, we had the chance to work with the Executive Director of SOC, Tammy Rivera. Throughout the summer, Tammy provided us with an Xecutiva Life Design Series. We were able to identify our apology language, love language, personality and and learn new skills to help us deal with day to day situations.

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City of Milwaukee Board of Election Commissioners- Carmen Cabrera

Working and talking with Carmen was a wonderful experience. Carmen had a lot of knowledge and a lot to give us. She talked to us about what she does, how and why she got there. In our conversation, she brought up the fact that more women are starting to go in office and encouraged us that we are able to be in office. Carmen also told us how you are able to become the president of the United States. Carmen is a remarkable women and we hope to see more of people like her in this world.



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Multicultural Entrepreneurial Institute

Nelson Soler spoke to us on how he started his own business. He gave us activity packets that we had to fill out, that were “steps” on how to start a business. He was telling us about the property and the cost to start one.



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Getting Milwaukee Public Library Cards

Visiting the Milwaukee Public Library was very exciting because it is one of the newest buildings in our community. In the lower level of the building there was a space for people to do activities like take and edit photos. They gave us a demonstration on how to use the camera and even how to edit a photo using their Photoshop application.



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District 6 Garden Renovation

After we took a tour and had an orientation at the District 6 Police Station, we helped Officer Felix and Captain Riestra renovate the front garden of the station (give/take).



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CDBG Hearing

The hearing was a big learning experience because it showed us that we have to be ready for any questions someone may ask us. Our goal there was to explain what we do at SOC. Whether it's about work or your personal life, you have to be ready to answer the correct way. For example they asked how we viewed the community so we really had to think about it and then form an answer.



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Core El Centro - Jillian Holy- Skaja



On this day we took an amazing tour of Core and we also helped out by cleaning out their supply closet and by pulling out weeds from their rooftop garden. It was really cool how their elevator generated power while it was being used. On that same day we also got a free yoga class to experience what their program really offered.



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UMOS - Latina Resource Center



Cinthia Tellez Silva talked to us on how to manage our emotions. She was also telling us stories about her life that happened and told us how she handled it. She brought along a piece of paper that had a flower and each pedal was a step to take make the situation better. She was telling us how to manage time and about how to make yourself better.



BLMA

Sergio talked to us about setting goals and our future. He made sure we knew what we wanted to do after highschool and that we were headed in a good direction.

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Artists Working in Education

It was a very exciting experience working with little kids. We all had a buddy to work with and made a planet. Also we taught them the pull of the of the sun on the planets and how the planets rotate, after we then did impression art.



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Clarke Square neighborhood Initiative Night Out

On the night of the Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative night out, we brought drums provided by Cecil Negrón to bring culture and music to the event. We also created mini porches and watercolor drawings. Another thing we did was make goeey chalk with AWE and painted a stone that would be placed in front of a mural.



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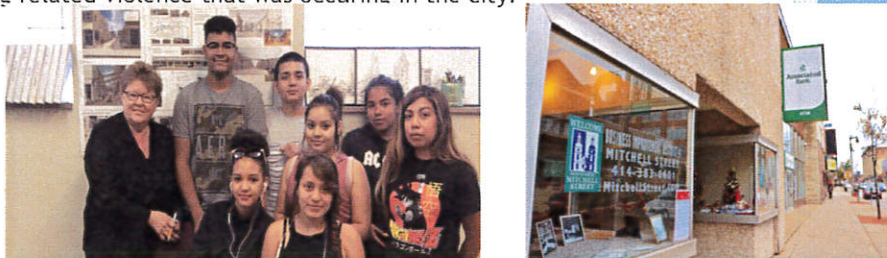


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Mitchell Street BID - Nancy Bush

When meeting with Nancy Bush she explained to us what it was that she did and showed us graphs on the costs of Graffiti removal. She also explained how the graffiti removal helped get rid of a lot of gang related violence that was occurring in the city.



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Aiding the Homeless Population in Milwaukee

This project was something we had been working on since the beginning of our internship. We put a lot of work into making our care packages and think it turned out very well. It had a toothbrush, toothpaste, 3 soap bars, granola bars, umbrella or poncho, pack of Kleenex, socks, tampons, sunscreen, hand wipes, razor, and deodorant. We went to St. Vincent de Paul and Society we helped them serve milk or water as well.



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City Hall Tour with District 6 Officers

Thanks to the officers of D6, we were able to tour City Hall and learn about the the Common Council, the mayor of the City of Milwaukee as well as the building's history.



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SOC Graduation Ceremony

We were able to share our experiences with our friends and family during our completion ceremony at the Ascension Lutheran Church dining Hall. We talked about our group project and all the people we met and learned from this summer. We shared a meal with our family and friends and received our certificates of completion from the SOC staff and collaborators.



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MPZ YEP End of Summer Graduation

Thanks to President Ashanti Hamilton and his staff, we had a great dinner and graduation ceremony at City Hall with the rest of the youth and collaborators. We also received a certificate and a bookbag full of school supplies!



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YES Field-Trip to the Museum of Science and Industry

Along with the rest of the MPZ youth, we were able to visit the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago Illinois. We were able to explore all of their exhibits and learn about machines, weather, etc.

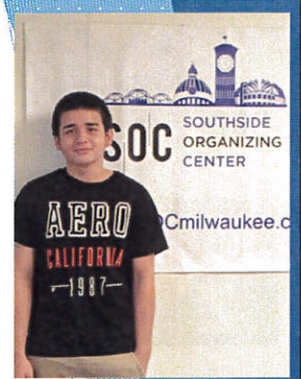


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Uriel Ruiz, Youth Organizing Intern

Good Afternoon, My name is Uriel Ruiz, I'm 14 years old , this year I'm going to be a Freshman in high school. What I learned at SOC was that we have to help each other and people In the community. My coworkers helped me be less nervous talking to other people. My favorite thing that we did at SOC, was the event to help the homeless because we were able to communicate in a small environment.



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Jasmine Ruiz, Youth Organizing Intern

Good Afternoon, My name is Jasmine Ruiz , I'm 16 years old and I'm a junior at St. Anthony High School. I learned how to make the community better by picking up the garbage from the streets. My favorite thing I did at SOC was helping District 6 redo their garden because we got a tour of the district and got to meet some police officers.



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Jennifer Ruiz, Youth Organizing Intern

My name is Jennifer Ruiz, I'm 17 years old and I'm a senior at St. Anthony High School. At Southside Organizing Center I learned how to be more talkative and social, And how to help others without receiving anything back. My favorite thing was working with Artist Working In Education at Clarke Square park, working with younger kids. I had an excellent experienced working with SOC.



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Cristina Alanis, Youth Organizing Intern

Hi my name is Cristina, I am 16 years old and I go to Grandview High School. This summer working at Southside Organizing Center as a youth organizing intern, I've learned to be a part of the community and to interact with other people. My favorite thing we did this summer is interacting with the kids at Clark square park when we worked with Artist Working In Education.



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Dalina Jimenez, Youth Organizing Intern

Good afternoon everyone, my name is Dalina Jimenez. I am an incoming freshman and I'm 14 years old. I have learned a lot of valuable things during this summer internship. One of the things I loved doing was that everyone in the community works together to make it better. It really showed me that everyone cares and that you don't have to be an adult to help and make it better.

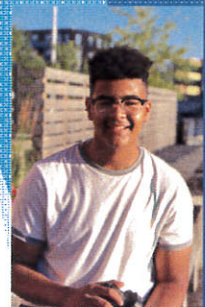


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Daniel Jimenez, Youth Organizing Intern

Good Afternoon, my name is Daniel Jimenez and I am 16 years old. This year I will be a Junior at Ronald Reagan High School. Before working at SOC I knew there were issues in the community but I didn't know how to fix them. I learned that if you want something to be changed you have to take things into your own hands. That's why my favorite event was the project to help the homeless because we offered resources to people who needed them.



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Thank You!

Youth, their families, and SOC



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