

Beloit Public Health Initiative FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

We are honored to present Beloit Public Health Initiative's 2nd quarterly newsletter. Below you will read about our accomplishments from this past semester and our aspirations for our future involvement in Beloit.

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STREET **SMART**

Our 2nd year of **Street Smart Club**, this time at Project 16:49, was highly successful. The program emphasizes the prevention of STIs and promotes safe choices for at-risk youth. Some of the topics included how to use condoms, the role of drugs and alcohol, and negotiating effectively. The facilitators were able to introduce the four girls, in many ways for the first time, to many topics that can help keep them sexually healthy for the rest of their lives. Street Smart will continue in the future, hopefully bringing many more successes to the girls of Project 16:49.

"Rather than just bestowing knowledge, Street Smart is an exchange of information between the everyone involved. Street Smart provides the right tools to foster a safe learning environment, no matter the age or knowledge of the participants."

– Diego Reyes, Street Smart Facilitator



PUB CRAWL

BPHI had a very successful pub crawl in Beloit in partnership with Community Action on in October to promote a free STI testing event. Eleven Beloit college students and one Beloit College professor showed up to hand out over 1,000 condoms, lube, and dental dams, as well as information on the free testing event at Community Action. The bars visited include the Hog Cabin, Thirsty Badger, Sara's Pub, Ming's On Madison, Town Club, Five Star, Alarm Box, Turtle Tap, New Club Impulse, End Zone, Rivals, and Suds.

WORLD AIDS DAY



Wednesday, December 3rd, 50 community members attended BPHI's 3rd annual World AIDS Day event. As part of our health fair, nine organizations provided information about their services and giveaways. There were also three art projects going on, allowing participants to express and interpret their thoughts and feelings on AIDS awareness. Three speakers from AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in Milwaukee provided valuable information about how the social determinants of health affect the transmission of HIV. Attendees left feeling like the event was educational and inspiring!





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