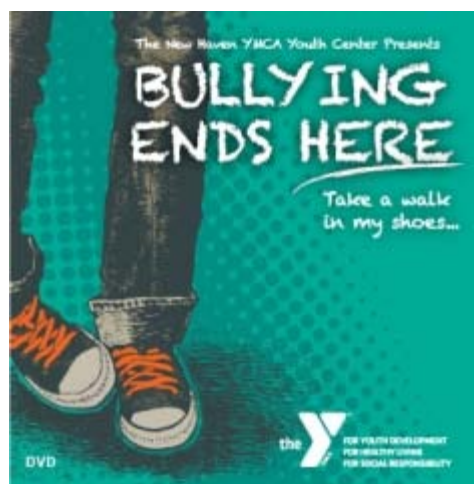


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Youth Campaign Against Bullying

MYTH: Nothing can be done at schools to reduce bullying.

Fact: School initiatives to prevent and stop bullying have reduced bullying by 15 to 50 percent. -- [Stopbullying.gov](#)

After the success of the 2010 Gun Violence Awareness Campaign, the youths of Youth Caring in the Community have turned their focus to another pressing issue for youth both nationally and in New Haven: bullying. According to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan in 2007, nearly one out of three students in middle school and high school said they had been bullied at school during the school year, and one out of nine secondary school students, or 2.8 million students, said they had been pushed, shoved, tripped, or spit on.

How do our NHYMCA Youth feel about bullying?

We the youth of the New Haven YMCA believe that Bullying is very harmful to those it happens to. We also believe that youth should take action. We did this video because we, as youth, recognize that Bullying can cause lasting negative effects on a person. What we learned from doing this project is: Report it, Tell someone, Get

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NHYMCAYC hosts Innovation Center Funded Annual Retreat

This Spring, over 50 youths participated in a national retreat hosted by the New Haven YMCA Youth Center's YCC, Youth Caring for the Community, the Innovation Center, Washington, DC and the Youth Development Training Resource Center of New Haven. Youth traveling

from Arizona and California joined New Haven youths for three days of sharing Learn and Serve projects with each other, and learning about the culture of New Haven through visits to the Peabody Museum and aboard the Schooner in New Haven Harbor.



Student athletes from Southern Connecticut State University help clean up the track during Comcast's Annual Day of Caring, 2011

Comcast Day of Caring

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2011 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award Winners Joshonnae Kelley and Deshonna Nixon are honored for their outstanding participation at NHYMCAYC.

Help, and Don't let it go -- It Hurts.

With the help of center staff and volunteer professional videographer Tony Pearson of Hollaback Video, YCC youth wrote, performed and recorded an anti-bullying skit embodying their critically important message. The DVD recording will be distributed to NH public schools this fall.

2011 Youth Volunteer Award Winners: Joshonnae Kelley and Deshonna Nixon

We are pleased to announce that Joshonnae Kelley and Deshonna Nixon were selected as this year's Youth Volunteer Award Winners for the New Haven Youth Center branch of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA. Both young women were introduced by NHYMCAYC Director Terry McCarthy and received an award from the CCCYMCA President David Stevenson during the annual volunteer recognition dinner held this spring. Many thanks to Joshonnae and Deshonna for serving as representatives for NHYMCAYC both locally and statewide, and for their hard work these past 2 years in the Youth Caring for Community group and numerous programs and projects at the center.

2011 YMCA Strong Kids Campaign

For many families in our community, even the low cost of NHYMCAYC programs and membership is more than they can afford. Thanks to the YMCA *Strong Kids Campaign*, NHYMCAYC currently provides free or reduced membership for over 400 New Haven youths, many at-risk, who would otherwise have few or possibly no constructive activities in their neighborhood during summers, after school and on weekends.

Many of you already support our programs, thank you! Please help us by spreading the word to your friends, colleagues and family about the valuable work NHYMCAYC is doing in our community, and invite them to make a donation to support New Haven youths. Supporters can make a tax-deductible donation online at our [website](#) (be sure to select "2011 Strong Kids-New Haven YMCA" from the scroll down menu!).

Donations Can Also Be Made By Check

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