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Student Community Support Network

TO: Members of the Executive Board
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SUBJECT: Student Community Support Network Report 2

UPDATE

SCSN has been successful so far this term in increasing awareness on campus about the service and hosting successful and well-attended events. The response from both community members and students has been extremely positive. We have been extremely successful in collaborating in order to draw students' and community members' attention towards the service.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The peer-to-peer program, has been going well. CA's have been conducting their weekly patrols and reporting back to the CA Coordinator. They have been able to talk to students and inform them about the by-laws that are in effect in Hamilton, in order to help students avoid fines and mitigate tensions within the community.

Cycle Safe is still running, and we have worked with security services, and are targeting the areas on campus that require special attention.

SCSN once again partnered with Red Door to run an open mic night, the CA's facilitated games and different activities, gave away prizes, and informed those attending about SCSN and the services we offer. We will be hosting another Red Door event on the last Saturday of November.

SCSN hosted the pumpkin hike with the G. R. Allan school association. The event was a great success despite the poor weather. With the help of Smiling Over Sickness, EFRT and the Maroons the event was a success. We had ample volunteers both during the day and in the evening. The event also brought quite a bit of attention to SCSN. Many volunteers that were involved, had no prior experience or knowledge of SCSN which was great in spreading awareness about our presence on campus. The event was also featured in the daily news.

SCSN's get cultured program is currently running a photo contest. Students have sent in submissions which represent why they love Hamilton. The winning photo is going to be featured in My Dog Joe's. So far we have received 21 submissions. This has also helped increase the visibility of SCSN and the Get Cultured program. As many people who were not previously involved are participating in the event.

We also are currently running the Party Smart campaign. It is also going to be featured in the daily news. There is going to be an Information Fair on Thursday November 8th to promote partying in a responsible and safe manor. For this event we are collaborating with many campus groups including the Student Wellness Centre, MacGreen, SWHAT, Student Success Centre, SHEC, Campus Events, Maroons and EFRT. Each group involved is going to be hosting a unique and interactive activity at their table to promote one aspect of how you can party without disrupting your neighbours, sacrificing your grades, harming the environment, or harming yourself or others.

We have also been promoting SCSN as well as different activities that are going on in Hamilton through our column in the Sil.

We also hosted a community activity in partnership with AWWCA called Boo. It was a Halloween themed activity that encouraged people to meet their neighbours and provided an opportunity for the CA's to meet some more people that lived in their communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

We are going to be hosting another Red Door event on the last Saturday of November. We are also going to be going caroling on the 1st of December. This will also involve a collaboration with some other campus groups. The money that we raise caroling is going to be donated to a community organization. The event is designed to help students meet their neighbours, but also involves giving back to the community. SCSN is also going to be having a staff potluck at the end of November, to thank everyone for all the hard work they have been putting into the service and to continue to foster the positive relationships within SCSN that have already been developed. Throughout the month of November we are also going to be recruiting volunteers for the Snow Angels program. Where students sign up to shovel a neighbours sidewalk.

BUDGET

SCSN is on track with it's budget, as it is expected that more expenses will be incurred during first term.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Ensuring accountability of staff has been another challenge. While training and positive relationships within the service have helped, the end of October and November have been a busy time for our staff, because of school. Balancing the commitments placed on everyone within the service is something we are working on.

SUCSESSES

SCSN has been successful in gaining more visibility and drawing more attention towards our service on campus. By advertising on the MSU website, putting up lots of posters, having an article in the Sil and being featured in the daily news, we have successfully gained visibility on campus. This is something that we are going to continue to work on.