



Jefferson Teen Center - Spring Newsletter 2023



It's spring break for students and as we approach the end of this year, the JTC's 30th anniversary year, we are happy to continue offering our after school programs to the Tri-Area community.

We've had a strong comeback since the peak of the pandemic. Through the many changes, it has highlighted the importance of a strong community, healthy interpersonal relationships, and respect for self as well as others has been highlighted. There is a reason this organization has survived for thirty years. We exist because of the need to enrich the teenage experience through the practice of social skills and emotional learning, in addition to providing a safe and engaging place for them to gather. These teen years are a period of fast change and can be a vulnerable time for many. Since we all come from different backgrounds and situations, when we come together, we can begin to recognize our similarities and common ground, and hopefully find empathy and a feeling of compassion for others. The acceptance of each other, mutual support, unity, and the pursuit of individual and group goals and dreams are what makes a community so great, and it's what we hope and strive for that the teen center. This is our mission.

We are always interested in how to make the teen center appealing, relevant and effective in providing a safe, fun and enriching place for teens to be after school. Your input and participation are welcome.

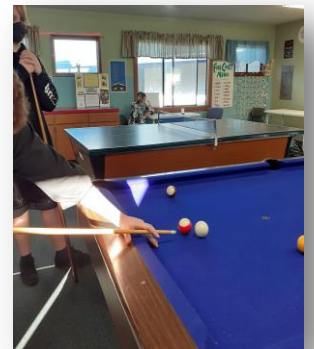


Some of our new activities for this spring and summer at the teen center are classes for parents & guardians with the Empowered Teens Coalition, special gardening guest presentations and a summer camp with The Benji Project.

You can find more information on these programs and activities at our website www.jeffersonteencenter.org

We would like to thank World Vision for essential Supplies, as well as the Chimacum High School, Chimacum Café and QFC-Port Hadlock for in-kind food donations. Thank you, too, Heidi Hall with Elk Lake Accounting and Duane E. Anderson CPA for tax support. Additionally, thank you Empowered Teens Coalition for your partnership in fostering wellness with our teens and within our teen center. We also sincerely thank Give Jefferson Campaign and the Chimacum Arts & Craft Fair for their local fundraising support. Last but certainly not least, we give a special thanks to our generous individual contributors and local businesses for their financial support.

To help with this year's budget, please consider supporting the teen center this spring by mail or online at our website. If you're a business donor, please send us your logo to add to our website sponsor page.



We are currently recruiting new volunteers, board members and paid staff to join our team. If interested, please contact us.

Thank YOU! We appreciate YOU for helping us support our programs in Jefferson County. Because of supporters like you, we can give wonderful opportunities for our teens to be engaged in a safe, positive environment after school.

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Executive Director