Dear Neighbor,

This is a monthly newsletter designed to keep you informed about Measure Y, Oakland's Violence Prevention and Public Safety Initiative. If you know others who are interested in this information, please forward it to a neighbor.

A Second Chance – Antonio’s Story

Antonio is a 17 year old male referred to the Youth ALIVE! Caught in the Crossfire program in the Spring of 2007 by the Injury Prevention Coordinator at Highland Hospital. His case was assigned to a Youth ALIVE! Caught in the Crossfire Case Manager. Antonio had been the victim of a shotgun wound to his right leg. Read about Antonio’s transformation here.

City Council Approves Continued Funding for Measure Y Violence Prevention Programs

On July 17th, City Council approved funding for current Measure Y violence prevention programs for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Organizations are chosen to operate programs through a competitive process every three years but City Council must approve their funding on an annual basis. This is the third year of this grant cycle. The report to City Council details the progress made by each of our grantees. You can also learn more about our current programs by visiting our website. The next competitive process for violence prevention program grants is expected to begin in the Fall of 2008 with a release of a Request for Proposals. Sign up to receive notification of future Measure Y funding opportunities.

Bay Area Regional Summit for Street Outreach Workers

Oakland partnered with the cities of Richmond and San Francisco to hold the first ever Bay Area Regional Summit for Street Outreach Workers on May 23, 2008 at the UC Berkeley campus. With support from Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Foundation, and the Berkeley Center on Criminal Justice, the goal was to disseminate best practices, help build the professional standing of this important work, and to build a peer support network throughout the Bay Area. Future joint events between the three cities are being planned to improve collaboration. For more information about the Mayor’s Street Outreach program, click here.

Questions? Comments? Have a story to share about your neighborhood? For more information, please visit us at www.MeasureY.org.

Sincerely,

The Measure Y Team

We are: Police, Fire, and Community Programs for a Safe Oakland