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**THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
SECOND YEAR
OF YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

The Three Rivers Community Foundation (TRCF), a Pittsburgh-based non-profit organization, has announced the second year of its *Youth Ambassador Program*. The program, which began on June 19th, is an eight-week training program for high school students that teaches them how to lead interactive workshops for children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at YMCA summer camps.

“Our **Youth Ambassador Program** was created to build community understanding while at the same time providing a safe place to discuss racism and hate,” said Nick Palazzetti, the TRCF’s Executive Director. “Through this program, the high school students -- as well as the younger children they will work with -- will learn about these issues and how to deal with them in a safe environment.”

Eight high school students from a variety of Allegheny County schools will be trained as Youth Ambassadors to teach the younger participants about matters of diversity, inclusion, and anti-bullying through interactive workshops. The program was adapted from the Safe Harbour Curriculum developed by the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies (AMSSA) in Vancouver, British Columbia. The TRCF program was made possible thanks to funding from the Starbucks Foundation.

The Three Rivers Community Foundation promotes *Change, not Charity*, by funding and encouraging activism among community-based organizations in underserved areas of Southwestern Pennsylvania. It supports these groups’ efforts to challenge attitudes, policies, or institutions as they work to promote economic, social, and racial justice.

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