

## Orland Park Recreation Seeks High School Committee Members Participants Earn Community Service Hours

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park High School Recreation Advisory Committee has an impressive list of organizations that it has helped. Habitat for Humanity, South Suburban Humane Society, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition are among the agencies for which this local group has provided assistance.

“The village’s high school committee is a wonderful group of young adults who take an active interest in the world around them,” said Trustee Patricia Gira, chair of the village’s Recreation, Parks and Environmental Initiatives Committee.

Members are currently being sought for the committee, which operates under the auspices of the village’s Recreation Department. Open to high school freshmen through seniors, the committee offers community service hours for its members.

“This is a great group for teens to join,” said Director of Recreation Nancy Flores. “They’re active within the community and provide a sense of connection as they help so many diverse agencies,” she added.

Area high schoolers who enjoy helping others and are interested in planning and facilitating community service projects are invited to join Orland Park’s High School Recreation Advisory Committee. An informational meeting for prospective members will be held Wednesday, July 21, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Orland Park Cultural Arts Center, 14760 Park Lane.

“Community service is an important part of college applications and young adults’ resumes,” said Recreation Program Supervisor Stephanie Simpson, the full-time staffer who oversees the group. “Being a member of the village’s High School Recreation Advisory Committee is a great addition to any college or job application,” she added.

Janine Hozzian serves as the group’s moderator, working closely with the teens and their different projects and events. “We’ve had a number of wonderful committee members go on to college and this is why we’re looking for energetic, enthusiastic replacements. We have a great group of high school students and we’re looking for more teens to become a part of one of the most active teen organizations in Orland Park,” Hozzian said.

Describing what the group does, Hozzian said, “We’ve helped a number of service organizations by volunteering and collecting money for them. Our kids also help run the village’s Teen Battle of the Bands during the Taste of Orland Park. It’s a great way to get involved in the community and meet new people.”

Interested teens are invited to call Hozzian at 708/349-1402 or send an email to [speventstaff@orland-park.il.us](mailto:speventstaff@orland-park.il.us) or attend the July 21 meeting.

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### 2010 OPHS Committee

Members of the Village of Orland Park High School Recreation Advisory Committee conduct fundraisers for area charities. An informational meeting for prospective members is being held Wednesday, July 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the village's Cultural Center, 14760 Park Lane. For more information, call 708/349-1402.

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