

# Safe Takoma

## Report, March 2009

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### Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures: \$35,893.54  
Washington DC, current month expenditures: \$3,748.44  
Washington DC, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities): \$24.00

Takoma Park MD, prior expenditures: \$31,393.49  
Takoma Park MD, current month expenditures: \$3,748.44  
Takoma Park MD, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities): \$16.00

### Funding Balances (March 2009)

Washington DC funding balance: \$35,334.02  
Takoma Park MD funding balance: \$39,842.07

### Status

The Safe Takoma program undertook the following organizational and programming steps in March 2009.

- Board meeting held 3/5/09. Items discussed:
  - 1) Finalize locations and recruitment efforts of all programs.
  - 2) Resolution to pursue currently planned programming was passed.
  - 3) It was also decided by the board to continue to work with 4CASA to develop an MOU which would be voted on prior to submission. Also agreed that an escape clause would be included in MOU and items on MOU template in section 3 be omitted.
  - 4) Sara Green, board Secretary, announced that she will resign from STI's board effective end of April.
  - 5) Discussion also included consideration of post apprenticeship program.
- Outreach efforts continued. Developed affiliation with five community organizations that will provide referrals to STI programs. These include CSOSA, Job Corps, Alert Industries, Annie Faress Foundation and Jones Assisted Living.
- Discussed handling Safe Silver Spring funds in connection to the up-coming Silver Spring Crime Summit.
- 4CASA Memorandum of Understanding completed.
- Continued attendance and participation in CTC Ward 4 Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Coolidge Truancy Task Force.

- Invitations sent to STI Advisory members for meeting scheduled on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Programming:

**Conflict Resolution Training** – recruitment continued. Registration form completed and forwarded to all possible referral sources and interested individuals.

**Rites of Passage** – program ended with a special dinner on March 14, 2009. Plans to resume program in the spring and summer.

**Pre-Apprenticeship** – recruitment and flyer distribution continued; second interest meeting held on 3/11/09. Fifteen individuals attended. “Get Ready to Work” (employment readiness) program began on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Seeker’s Church. There were 21 young people in attendance.

**Whistle Giveaway** – coordination of upcoming giveaway completed. Supplies were ordered and received. Four hundred whistles and key tags purchased and 200 copies of the whistle instructions were made.

Meetings attended:

- Met with Morris Dean of Alert Industries on 3/3/09. His organization provides programs and activities for youth in DC. He currently facilitates a program at the DC Recreation center and has agreed to assist with recruitment for STI programs.
- Met with Jamahl Dixon from the Potomac Job Corps Center regarding referrals to STI programming. Some of his students live in the area and may be interested.
- Met with Maureen Hardy from the Jones Assisted Living facility. She was interested in learning about STI programs as it would benefit some of her clients.
- Weekly meetings held with Christopher King of Takoma Park Community Action Group to finalize Get Ready to Work session.

## April 2009 Plans

- Attend hearing to request continued DC funding on 4/1/09.
- Coordinate and hold monthly board meeting.
- Finalize transportation and staffing for pre-apprenticeship program.
- Secure facility to conduct drug screen for pre-apprenticeship participants.
- Complete “Get Ready to Work” program, select participants and prepare them for upcoming pre-apprenticeship program.
- Conduct Conflict Resolution training.
- Continue fundraising efforts.
- Conduct Whistle Giveaway.
- Continue outreach efforts.
- Conduct Advisory meeting.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.