

The Skillman Foundation Presents

GOOD STUFF

for kids & families

Detroit's Youth Perform for Positive Causes

The United Generation Council Theatrical Troupe is driven by the goal of teaching the facts related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and equipping our youth with outreach skills to be used today and beyond.

The group – consisting of 20 girls, ages 8-14 – believes that by demonstrating the benefits of living a substance-free life, they can positively impact the metro-Detroit-area youth.

UGCTT has been around for 10 years, and performing arts is what they do. ♦ In their performances, they not only include messages of anti-alcohol, tobacco and drugs, they also include other subject matters such as conflict resolution via reconciliation or mediation; teenage pregnancy; AIDS



• awareness; academic achievement; job skills development; and domestic violence education.

• UGCTT has educated more than 6,000 youths using teen actors to demonstrate the reasons why it's important to avoid negative substances and situations. ♦ The group also has a strong belief in building healthy, viable relationships between adults and children by way of parental involvement and volunteer participation. ♦ Providing access to older mentors, valuable communications skills are instilled early. ♦ Tutoring has been provided by UGCTT to many children in the community.

• This outstanding group of girls gives more than 50 performances a year, delivering its messages to churches, schools and the Detroit and surrounding communities. ♦ And important people have taken notice! ♦ A six-week summer program was created at Peter Vetel K-8 School, which included programs about healthy lifestyles, reading, attendance and truancy. ♦ The close of the program brought a

special trip – thanks to Plum Creek Timber Company's Pete Madden and state Reps. Gabe Leland and Tom Casperson – to Escanaba in the Upper Peninsula. ♦ The girls stayed for three days, and enjoyed the adventures of kayaking on the Escanaba River, mountain bike rides, touring the Plum Creek Menominee forest, and just enjoying and appreciating nature's beauty. ♦ What a treat!

• This team of girls is led by dedicated, committed leaders: **Executive Director, Virginia Shelton** and **Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Deirdre Young**. ♦ Hard work, perseverance and a love for what they do are the special ingredients in making these women a rewarding example to the girls they lead. ♦ Kudos to all involved!

• If you'd like to learn more, get involved, or are interested in sharing in the experience of **United Generation Council Theatrical Troupe**, give Ms. Shelton a call at 313.554.0328 or 313.515.5008.



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