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SAFE Summer Fun a Success!

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club and Glen Cove Youth Bureau Expand Youth Summer Services

Summertime can be a wonderful time for kids to discover new friends and explore new potential within themselves. It can also be a time where kids may be exposed to harmful substances and alcohol because of a lack of opportunities to engage in healthful fun. To expand services for youth in Glen Cove, SAFE, Inc. and the PRIDE Coalition have partnered with the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club and the Glen Cove Youth Bureau as part of its mission to eliminate drugs and alcohol in our community. SAFE and the PRIDE Coalition helped to "bridge the service gap" for Glen Cove's youth between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. when teens can often be between summer programs or alone as many Glen Cove families have both parents working in order to make ends meet.

A true collaboration with both youth serving organizations, SAFE provided the funding to supplement their existing programs and provide youth with additional healthful summer opportunities. The Boys & Girl Club and the Youth Bureau activities included exciting trips to Island Rock Climbing, the Museum of Natural History and Bayville Adventure Park among others during July and August.

"SAFE Summer Fun engages teens that may otherwise have nothing to do during Summer afternoons," stated Dr. Sharon Harris, SAFE Executive Director and PRIDE Coalition Co-Chair. "We are very fortunate to have the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club and the Glen Cove Youth Bureau invested in the safety and well-being of our youth. Each agency is a crucial part of making this program possible, and we are thankful to have their support."

To view pictures of the SAFE Summer Fun program, visit www. Safeglencove.org or www.facebook.com/GlenCovePRIDEProjectCoalition.