





## 2012-2013 TEEN COUNCIL ROSTER

From Top Left: **Annie Ochs** (Senior—2nd year on council), **Danny Kramer** (Junior—1st year on council), **Thania Nuñez** (Sophomore—1st year on council), **Laura Barron** (Sophomore—2nd year on council), **Corbin Brundridge** (Sophomore—1st year on council), **Logan Banning** (Senior—2nd year on council), **Kayla Guettich** (Junior—2nd year on council), **Amaris Duryea** (Junior—1st year on council), **Michael Wong** (Junior—1st year on council), **Codi Coghlan** (Senior—4th year on council), **Kent Barron** (Senior—3rd year on council), **Olivia Rudolph** (Junior—2nd year on council), **Libby Stanford** (Freshman—1st year on council), **Malia Fraioli** (Junior—3rd year on council), **Penn Lukens** (Senior—4th year on council), **Jaelyn Kohl** (Junior—2nd year on council), **Sam Samlowski** (Senior—4th year on council). Adult Coordinators: **Kate Elkins** (Grand Futures of Routt County), **Brooke Lightner** (Steamboat Springs Parks, Open Space & Recreation, Sept –Dec), **Kate Warnke** (Steamboat Springs Parks, Open Space & Recreation, Jan-Jun).

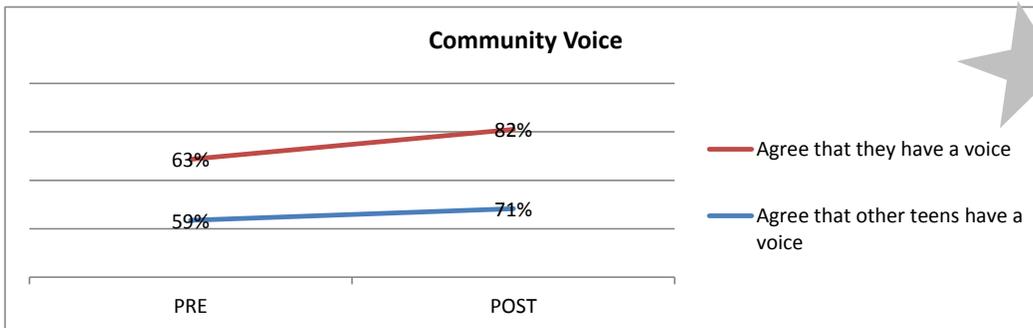
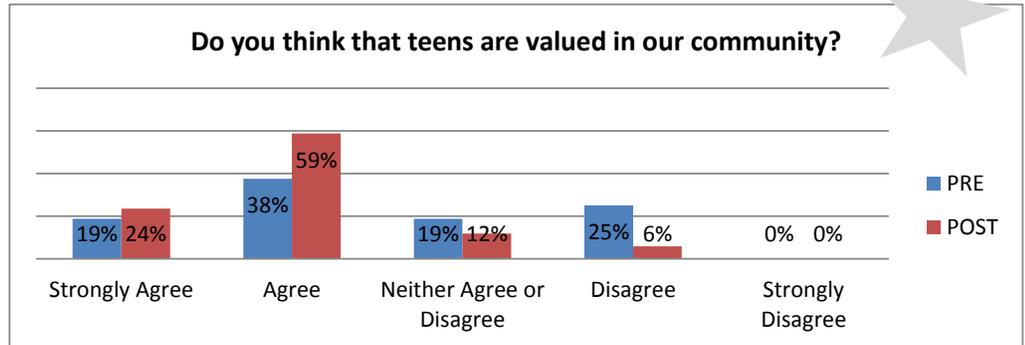
# SURVEY SAYS...

Teen Council members were asked to complete an identical survey at the start and at the end of the program. The pre and post surveys allow coordinators to assess youth attitudes and behaviors related to alcohol and drug-use in the community, as well as view effectiveness of the Teen Council program.



Teen Council members and Teen Council Teen of the Month winners gather after being recognized by the City of Steamboat Springs City Council!

In the 2012-2013 school year, members who completed the Teen Council program felt more strongly that teens are valued in their community. The post-survey results show that 83% of members indicated that they agree or strongly agree that teens are valued in the community as compared to just 57% as indicated by the pre-survey.



**Exceptional** results were reached when we asked members “Do you feel like you have a voice in Steamboat Springs?” Members that agreed increased by 19 percentage points from the pre-survey. We also asked members “Do you feel like teens have a voice in Steamboats?” Members that agreed increased by 12 percentage points.

# GOOD THINGS (ACCOMPLISHMENTS)

Give them a task and the Steamboat Springs Teen Council will do it! This year, LiveWell of Northwest Colorado designated \$5,000 to the Steamboat Springs Teen Council (SSTC) in order to **create physical activities for high school students who are not normally active in Steamboat Springs**. After surveying their peers, talking with teachers and the School Resource Officer, the SSTC identified two projects that they felt would increase physical activity among their peers. Those activities are to build and sustain a Slackline park, and to launch co-ed, “just for fun”, recreational leagues throughout the year. The SSTC is excited to report that the Slackline park, which will be located by Howelsen Hill, is scheduled for build in summer 2013. A co-ed volleyball league is also scheduled to start in summer 2013. The even cooler part is that **SSTC won an additional \$5,000 as the grand prize winner of the Ready Set ACTION contest**—a statewide contest for youth groups and councils to get funding for their

health project through the submission of a 10-minute documentary as well as application. You can find the SSTC’s video entry and more about the contest on the [Ready Set ACTION website](#).

Another one of the SSTC’s big projects is the Teen of the Month initiative, started in 2012, and continued through this school year. **Seven awesome high school students in Steamboat Springs were selected as Teen of the Month winners** and they were featured on the SSTC Facebook page and in the newspaper. The Teen of the Month winners also received \$25, received shout-outs at school, and were recognized through a proclamation by the City of Steamboat Springs.

Additionally, SSTC **planned and hosted seven fun Friday night events** open to all high school students through the school-year. Events included jump night at Excel Gymnastics, a movie night, a broomball tournament, and more—attracting 50 students per event.



Teen Council members accept the first place, \$5,000, Ready Set ACTION award in Denver!

# THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND DONORS!



## ABOUT

The mission of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council is to demonstrate that teens are valuable assets and are caring members of the community who are committed to education, health and wellness, the environment and service. As a channel and resource for all teens, we strive to open lines of communication and provide common ground for teens and adults. **Our vision is simple, a community where teens have a voice and are valued as resources.**

**Steamboat Springs Teen Council is a collaboration between the City of Steamboat Springs and Grand Futures Prevention Coalition!**



## REACH OUT

WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY AND WILLING TO GIVE FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION TO ADULT DECISION MAKERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT ARE LOOKING TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT TEENS!

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOUR TEEN-RELATED PROJECT/PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/IDEA!!!

Teen Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month (September-May) at the Steamboat Springs Community Center at 6:15 p.m. • Meetings are open to the public

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Teen Council members stand in front of Centennial Hall in Steamboat Springs after a successful presentation to the city's Parks, Open Space and Recreation Commission, regarding the establishment of a slackline park.