

# DEDICATED TO MAKE A CHANGE



## Dear friends of DTMAC,

The school year is finally winding down, and Dedicated to Make a Change is as excited as you are to reflect on the work we've done this school year and prepare for a fun and restorative summer. Some of our programs are winding down, some are still in full swing and some are waiting to get started, but the feeling of transition is still strong; this is an important time of year, especially for young people.

This May we finished up our third run of Prevent & Prevail, our peer-facilitated HIV prevention program. It's been so wonderful to watch the program grow and see our teen facilitators increase their strength, poise and confidence. How incredible to witness high school students come into such an incredible sense of their own power to create change in their lives and the lives of their peers. We got to see an outpouring of support for P&P this past month too during GiveOUT Day, when TBLGQ organizations around the

country received a signal boost and an opportunity to fundraise. We raised just over \$1000 for Prevent & Prevail. Thank you so much to all of you who contributed and shared.

In our day-to-day activities, we're continuing to provide academic support and safe after-school space for teens through the end of the school year. We've been so happy to see the Clubhouse develop into the fun and supportive hub we always hoped it would be. Several of the teens in the HOPE program have successfully raised their grades and are passing classes for the first time; watching them grow and supporting their efforts is one of the most rewarding things that happens at our home base.

We're also excited to be, as of this month, an official job site for Michigan Works! Limited Work Experience, which places low-income teens in part-time jobs designed to provide them

with work training and help them pursue educational goals. Teens in the Michigan Works! program will be providing DTMAC with organizational support in an empowering, teen-centered space; we're so excited to have them.

Some of our academic support will continue into the summer, particularly for the students participating in the HOPE Program. HOPE (Having Opportunities for Positive Education) first developed out of a summer program, and after our first run of the academic-year program, we're excited to figure out how the summer will look.

Here's hoping you are too. Have a wonderful June,

*Dedicated to Make a Change,*  
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