

# Testimonials

It is a wonderful program on many fronts. The material covered and the knowledge and experience they gain is extremely valuable for the students, school community and the greater community.

- Suzann Verhoeven,  
Father Michael Goetz Secondary School Teacher



This program helps all students, the doers and the observers, to see that everyone is responsible for each other and to keep each other safe! Knowing the facts, the consequences and the opportunities for change will contribute to less crime, more involvement and greater accountability. We need this for our youth of today who think one person can't make a difference. One person can!"

- Sue Dunn-Eckstein,  
St. Joan of Arc Catholic School Teacher

The program continues to enable our students to learn real life skills that make them more aware of how to be active and safe members of their community. The information and resources they are presented with are invaluable. The program reinforces common sense with informed members of society. Students really enjoy the program!

- Cynthia Souter,  
West Credit Secondary School Teacher

## For more information

Safe City Mississauga leads and partners to deliver crime prevention services and initiatives to ensure that Mississauga will be a crime-free city for all.

### CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

- Community Mobilization
- Awareness & Education
- Information Provision
- Strategic Leadership & Support



For more information on our services – or if you would like to support the activities of Safe City Mississauga, please call us at 905-615-6272, visit us online at [www.safecitymississauga.on.ca](http://www.safecitymississauga.on.ca) or by mail to 300 City Centre Drive, Suite 1055A, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C9.

### CROSSROADS YOUTH ACADEMY PARTNERS



# Crossroads Youth Academy



# Empowering Youth



Since 2003, Crossroads Youth Academy has delivered a multi session program through community crime prevention activities targeted at Secondary School aged youth. Internationally recognized as the winner of the 2005 Best Community Crime Prevention Program (International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners) Crossroads Youth Academy motivates and empowers youth to avoid criminal activities, become informed about being good citizens and gives them the knowledge to make healthy decisions when they find themselves at one of life's Crossroads.

*Crossroads Youth Academy is delivered in two phases: the Academy Phase and the Service Phase*

## The Benefits of Crossroads Youth Academy

- Promote safer schools
- Change the negative image of teenagers held by many citizens and thus encourage responsible and accountable behaviour
- Build channels of communication between youth and community institutions such as law enforcement, schools and government
- Provide the opportunity of youth to earn community service hours
- Certificate of Accomplishment awarded by Safe City Mississauga and Peel Regional Police
- Certificate of Introductory CPR awarded by the Peel Paramedics Association
- Gift bag of community crime prevention items

## Academy Phase

Designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to stay safe and avoid victimization, 6 sessions of in school training and educational presentations are delivered by expert trainers from Safe City Mississauga, Peel Regional Police, Bank of Canada and Peel Paramedics Association.

Topics covered during this phase are:

- Choices (part one) – The basics of crime prevention and personal safety
- Choices (part two) – staying safe and avoiding trouble including topics such as gangs and street racing
- Internet Safety and Cyberbullying
- Drug Education
- Counterfeit Detection & Fraud
- Healthy Relationships – dating abuse and domestic abuse
- Optional CPR Training
- Optional Personal Safety and Self Defence



## Service Phase

Following the educational presentations, participants select one of the following Service Phase options:

- a) Educational Announcements to share with their school community over their PA system
- b) Educational Posters focusing on a topic presented during the Academy Phase sessions
- c) Students pick a creative project of their own, including game boards, presentations, skits, etc.

Taking on this Ambassador role allows these participants to educate and inform others about crime prevention and safety techniques learned while in the Academy Phase not only within their school, but also in the community. Service Phase projects are displayed on the Safe City Mississauga website and throughout the Mississauga community. site, and Educational Posters are displayed throughout the Mississauga community.



## Service Phase Projects

You work hard to earn your money, so why not check to protect it against counterfeiting? Although we don't realize it, counterfeiting is a serious issue that needs to be dealt with. In fact, time spent in prison for counterfeiting can last as much as 14 years. So remember to stay out of trouble and check to protect every time money falls in your hands. - **Port Credit Secondary School Student**



Have you ever been bullied? Do you know someone who has? What did you do? You can stop bullying in your community. Just take a stand and support what you believe in. You can be the change be the difference in your community. Stand up to the bullying do what is right! This can be changed, appreciate everyone's differences and take a stand. - **T.L. Kennedy Secondary School Student**

