

STSROC Report for EMP Board Meeting June 3, 2019



Programs and Activities Completed

The Jordyn Keeley Memorial Art and Writing Competition- March 29

Our 2nd Annual Jordyn Keeley Memorial Art and Writing Competition was very successful. We received over 120 art and writing submissions and more than 180 people attended our Gallery Opening Event. The 2019 theme was: *This is the Source of my Strength*. The submissions are currently being moved to the UR Bridge Gallery for an extended time period. Brochures were distributed to the following middle & High schools and school districts - Fairport, Penfield, Pittsford, Victor, Webster, Gates, East Rochester, RCSD - SOTA, Mercy, McQuaid, and Henrietta Community Youth Group.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Advocacy Day- April 9th

This was our second year going to Albany with AFSP to lobby for mental health legislation. We drove to Albany on Monday night and prepared together for the following day, full of lobbying meetings. It was a great experience of empowerment, learning and action towards positive political change.

Upcoming Programming and Activities

Stop the Stigma Mental Health Awareness Concert- June 8th, 6-9:30 pm

On June 8th, 2019 we are hosting our fourth annual Stop the Stigma Awareness Concert from 6:00-9:30 PM at the Perinton Center Stage Amphitheater. Given the alarming increase in deaths by suicide in our area, we have organized this event to educate and come together as a community so we can develop effective ways to reach those who are suffering. The 2019 concert theme is Stand up, Reach out, Stop the Stigma. This is a call to both youth and adults to educate themselves about mental health and the resources that exist in our community and then reach out to those in our lives we feel may need help. This free community event will feature music by Jumbo Shrimp and talented young performers. More importantly, speakers including an art therapist, a mental health counselor, and two high school students will share their mental health journeys and expertise. Other organizations who will be represented at the event include the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Fairport Central School District's Chemical Prevention Advisory Council, the Out Alliance, and Sources of Strength (University of Rochester). Their presence is meant to provide the attendees with an understanding of the multiple resources within our community. The event will host several food trucks, sell merchandise supporting the event's message, and hold a silent auction to raise additional funds. We hope to encourage the prioritization of mental wellness and strength in teens throughout the Rochester community.

Operational Update

Finance update as of May sent by Marie Kamp

