

*Life
changing.*



*It changed me
in every way a
person can
change for
the better.*

*This camp is
one of the
best things
that has
ever happened
to me.*



I was impressed with how my daughter
grew up and came out of her shell
since the program.



*I came to it a good
person, I am leaving
as a better person.*

It moved me, taught me, and inspired me beyond belief.



*It is the kind of week where
you can go a week without TV
and you wouldn't even notice it.*



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Our Mission

At **Spark The Wave**, our mission is to encourage and empower youth to take the lead in meeting the needs of their community through service. Put simply: We want to empower teens to be better volunteers!

Our Program

Through seminars and a 5-day overnight experience called *Wave Week*, we help middle and high school students develop their skills in planning, project management, leadership, and communications. Our fun, hands-on lessons & activities increase teens' ability to be volunteer members and leaders that make a greater impact through their service.

Our Training

Sixty percent of young people report participating in volunteer activities. Not only does society benefit from their service, but those involved in community service report higher levels of personal confidence and satisfaction from the experience. And keeping teens involved in meaningful activities also reduces the likelihood of risky behaviors.

Our specialized training improves teens' ability to make a greater impact in the community. While many non-profits and charities welcome free help, they are in particular need of skilled volunteer support.

Alumni of **Spark the Wave** programs say it best:

"I learned so much that will help me become a better person for myself, others and my community." Paul, 16.

"It has given me the skills to be a better leader, student, friend and person." Kiana, 14.

"Before the camp, I never really knew how I could help the people I see around me everyday. Now, because of the camp, I know how." Rosa, 15.

Strong words! In fact, 75% of the past students trained by our staff got MORE involved in their service groups when they went home and over 85% recommended us to a friend.

Our History

Spark the Wave's leadership principles were forged over three decades as a youth training initiative, formerly known as the Leadership Development Center of the American Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Today, we are a fully independent non-profit organization seeking to widen our reach throughout the mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

Our Service

By operating with *an all-volunteer staff* comprised primarily of young adults, we model the value of service for the teens who participate in our programs. Our staff has over 100 years of combined expertise in diversity training, motivation, group dynamics, communication, youth development and more. Our counselors must complete a minimum of 50 hours of training before working with students.

Our Needs

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we count on the support of foundations, corporations, and individuals to sponsor youth participation in **Spark the Wave** programs.

Your help underscores the value of volunteer service and ensures more young people have an opportunity to contribute to our society in meaningful ways.

By staying focused on our primary mission, we are able to devote 80 percent of our budget directly to programs for teens. How do we use donations?

- \$0salaries. We are an all-volunteer organization!
- \$150holding a **Spark the Wave** seminar for 20 students
- \$299sending a teen to *Wave Week*
- \$500training a new teen counselor
- \$3000supporting a class of teens at *Wave Week*

How You Can Help

For ideas on how you can help, visit www.sparkthewave.org and review our Wish List. Remember—any donation (time, talent or funds) to **Spark the Wave** is tax deductible. Most importantly, we hope you will help spread the word about **Spark the Wave** with teens in your community.