



"Thank you for the wonderful frames you donated to our youth.

Our Violence Prevention Director, Kathryn, loved them. We are planning to use as many as we can with the next 3 month art project. We are starting in January and we are planning on having a few art exhibits. We hope you will be able to attend.

The mural project and the one we will be working on next month are set on days in which violence tend to be spike. This is just another way in which we could use up some of that time by doing something positive and find a way to validate their good work. It also provides a sense of space.

With your donations and the Local Initiative Support Corporation, (1 Summer Chicago Program), volunteers from Loyola, DePaul, Northeastern and University of Chicago, we will make our next project a success. These are some of the efforts in which we try to organize and address the issue of violence with our youth.

Some of the frames you donated will be given to the youth and parents as Christmas gifts. We printed out individual pictures and we placed them in the frames. We will be doing this with our parents who participate in a Grieving Support Group. These are parents who lost their child to gang violence. We are also using the scrap books with them as a form of art therapy.

So I again, I cannot thank you enough. Some of the frames will also be donated to the Social Work Club at Northeastern University. We are planning to place a The Interrupters poster, signed by the directors and auction them. Hopefully we can raise money for them. I will be sending you pictures of that as well, and the final product of the kid's canvases. Thank you again for everything!

Sincerely, Eddie B

