

# AFTER SCHOOL matters®

After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | December 2016



## Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will help to share updates, resources and instructional strategies, as well as celebrate the successes of our teens and build community among our program providers. Enjoy!

## Program Updates & Reminders

### Expense Reports

Expense reports for organization-led programs are due by **Wednesday, December 21, 2016**. For instructions on how to download and submit financial documents, click [here](#). These instructions can also be found in the 'Documents' section in Cityspan.

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## PLEASE NOTE

After School Matters offices will be closed from

**Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2.**

We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

## Important Dates & Deadlines

Fall 2016

**Tuesday, December 20**

### Teen Stipends

Please return any teen stipend checks from dropped teens or teens you cannot reach to the Payroll Department at Gallery 37 (66 E. Randolph St.) no later than **6pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2016**. Please return any teen checks in person, not by mail.

If you have any questions, call the Teen Stipend Hotline at 312-768-5199.

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## Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

### Generation All Youth Council

Generation All is a citywide initiative to unite Chicagoans in revitalizing neighborhood public high schools so all students experience high quality learning opportunities both in and outside the classroom with the support of the wider community.

This spring, Generation All is developing its first youth council. Teens that are selected to join the Generation All Youth Council will work to change the perception about neighborhood high schools and their communities through social media, location newspapers, school websites, and more. Teens may complete the application [here](#).

**All applications are due by Monday, January 9, 2016 at 5pm.** For more information, click [here](#).

### Chicago Public Library Teen Winter Challenge

The Chicago Public Library is now accepting submissions for their Teen Winter Challenge! To participate, high school students ages 14 - 18 may submit a portfolio of 3 original creative works and an artist's statement of up to 500 words. Submissions must include the teen's name, age, grade, high school, local library branch, email address and phone number. Teen Winter Challenge submissions will be reviewed by a committee of judges, and winners will be notified by Friday, February 17, 2017. For more details, click [here](#).

**Submissions will be accepted through Friday, January 20, 2017.**

### CineYouth Festival

The 2017 CineYouth Festival is now accepting short film submissions from filmmakers 22 years old and younger. Officially selected films will screen at the CineYouth Festival from May 4 - 6, 2017 at The Music Box Theater in Chicago. For guidelines and submission details, click [here](#).

**Submissions will be accepted through Friday, March 10, 2017.**

**For additional opportunities and resources for teens, please visit the teen resources section of [our website](#).**

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### **Wednesday, December 21**

Expense reports, certification letters and teen documents due (FALL ONLY programs)

### **Wednesday, December 21**

Instructor Program Report due

### **Friday, December 30**

Teen and Instructor Surveys close

## Instructional Strategy of the Month

### Comfort Zones

**Time:** 15 - 20 minutes

**Materials:**  
None

**Objective:** Use this activity to gauge teens' comfort with content, process, etc., and to engage teens in structured reflection about selected topics.

**For detailed instructions, click [here](#).**

## Teen Stipend Reminders

### Contact Us!

You can reach the **Teen Stipend Hotline** at  
**312-768-5199**

## Program Provider Highlight: Charly Babera

### Traditional Puerto Rican Bomba



Charly Babera (*above left*) has been an After School Matters instructor for many years. He teaches Traditional Puerto Rican Bomba at Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center in Hermosa. Bomba is a unique art form in which the lead drummer follows the dancer, forming a distinct relationship between the two artists. In the Bomba program, teens are introduced to the history of Bomba, singing, dancing, and basic Bomba rhythms. Under Charly's guidance, After School Matters teens in the Bomba program have performed at Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center, Block 37, at Bomba events in the Hermosa and Humboldt Park communities, and even for the After School Matters Board of Directors.

**Thank you, Charly, for all you do for After School Matters and our teens!**

If you would like to submit a highlight to this newsletter, [click here](#).

Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to teens!

Sincerely,

After School Matters

Monday - Friday  
9am - 5pm

## Urban Partnership Bank

This fall, in partnership with Urban Partnership Bank, **teens have been able to cash their stipend checks for just \$1 at any Chicagoland Urban Partnership Bank!**

School IDs, State IDs and Driver's Licenses will be accepted as forms of identification for cashing checks. Teens can find the nearest Urban Partnership Bank location [here](#).

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