

## Partners with Parents

Meetings are held for the parents of teens who attend The Factory. These meetings provide outlets for parents to discuss issues relating to parenting their teenager.

## After School Program (Fall 2007)

An after school program will give teenagers a place to come and receive tutoring with schoolwork by volunteer adults. The use of a state of the art media center which will be located in our newly purchased Factory House will provide teenagers the resources they need to perform their homework studies effectively.

## Counseling Services (Fall 2007)

In conjunction with area counseling agencies, we desire to offer counseling services, support groups, computer classes, and other programs to the parents of teens who attend The Factory and to other adults in the community.



## What You Can Do...

- Become a prayer partner
- Invite The Factory to your business or church for a presentation
- Make a donation and support The Factory with your finances
- Volunteer to become a regular staff member
- Volunteer with maintenance, snacks, etc.
- Become a mentor to teens and/or parents



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# THE FACTORY YOUTH CENTER



*A Safe Place  
for Teens  
to Connect*



## How did it begin?

The Factory Youth Center began in 1993 with a door-to-door survey in the Paradise community. According to the results of that survey, the greatest need of the community was a beneficial environment for its youth, and place where they could meet and learn about vital life skills. From that survey, a suitable building was renovated into a youth center. The building was formerly used as a sewing factory in the early 1900's. Now it would provide an environment of help and change for troubled youth.

## What We Offer...

### Open Door Nights

The Factory Youth Center is currently open on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 for all students in grades 6 through 10. The open door nights are fun, upbeat, and provide a safe place for teens to come hang out and connect with one another. Our lesson times are high energy, media-driven, and culturally relevant meetings where God's Word is used and God's love is shared on a level teenagers will understand.

Our facilities include: pool, ping-pong, foosball, two XBOX systems with 27 inch TVs, DDR, carpet pool, and a game room for hockey, dodge ball, etc. We also offer football, basketball, board games, and lots of food.

### Mentoring

Our dedicated volunteers meet individually with the teenagers in order to cultivate relationships of trust and support. These mentoring opportunities allow the staff a chance to counsel, offer help, and show love on a more personal and individual basis. Students are also plugged into a small group that meets for sharing, accountability, and support.

### Basics of Christianity Class

This is a small group where students can explore the basic tenants of Christianity in a guilt-free and safe environment. Teenagers can raise questions and dialogue with adults about various topics as they travel along on their spiritual journey of wanting to know what it means to have a relationship with God.

## Our Purpose

The Factory Youth Center exists to offer help with life and the hope of Jesus Christ to teens and their families in the Pequea Valley area and beyond. Our prayer is that we would be a safe place for these teens and their families to connect with others and to connect with God.