

## Niles Teen Center expansion project nears completion

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The expansion of the Niles Teen Center was mostly completed June 11 after several days of work from more than a dozen volunteers from Home Depot.

The center, now located inside Golf Mill Mall, will expand into a neighboring space and double in size.

Teen center director Mark Williams said June 11 that the bulk of the construction was completed.

"I am truly amazed and appreciative of the support that the Teen Center has received from Home Depot," Williams said. "Without their generous contribution of materials and labor, this expansion project could not have become a reality. With their assistance and the new expanded space, the Niles Teen Center will be better able to serve the varying social, physical and emotional needs of today's teenage population."

The project included the demolition of existing walls and the installation and removal of various plumbing and electrical fixtures. Workers also rebuilt and reconfigured walls, installed new interior windows, carpeting and tile, and painted.

Williams said the center would have a grand opening in either late-August or early-September after new furniture and equipment had been installed.

With the majority of the work done, however, the project has wrapped up just in time for the center's second annual "lock-in" scheduled for Sunday.



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