

Chamois 'n' shine

The Niles Teen Center hosted a charity car wash from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

The event raised money for the Niles Teen Center as teenagers and area residents worked and enjoyed the summer sun. Proceeds from the car wash will go towards the purchase of additional equipment for the newly expanded facility.

Mark Williams, Teen Center director said in a news release, "This is a great opportunity for the Niles community to come out and show their support for the Niles Teen Center and its programs."

There was no set charge for the car wash; people donated however much they chose, the release stated.

The Niles Teen Center's location at Golf Mill was seen as a prime location and atmosphere to reach out to local teenagers, the release stated. The center seeks to offer a welcoming and safe environment for them to spend time with their friends, do school work, play games and develop social skills. The center also aims to provide substantive programs that keep them engaged and wanting to return.

Because of events like this charity car wash, the center is better-able to serve the interests of the young adults of the village of Niles, as well as provide valuable services to surrounding community organizations, the release stated.

The Niles Teen Center is at Golf Mill Shopping Center, mall entrance 6, facing Greenwood Avenue between the Showplace 12 Theaters and Sears.



Lavan Rousseau, 12, and Jordan Hayden, 12, scrub down a Jeep Maria during the Niles Teen Center car wash Saturday at Golf Mill Shopping Center. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)



Maria Pfiser, 12, Sandy Hartl, 12, and Debra Senior, 13, wait to dry one of the wet automobiles during the Niles Teen Center car wash Saturday at Golf Mill Shopping Center. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)