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## **Niles' Year In Review**

### **Teen Center Expansion**

The Niles Teen Center had a good problem as it closed out 2008 — it was so popular with teens it was outgrowing its space. While in the process of working with the Niles Public Library to apply for a grant, the idea to expand the teen center was born.

Though the grant did not come through, the village, Home Depot and WalMart and other businesses did.

Last spring, the teen center took over an adjacent 1,001 sq. ft. storefront in Golf Mill where the center is located.

Home Depot donated workers' time and materials and WalMart came through with a major grant. Other businesses donated things like big screen televisions, pool tables and furniture. The expanded center offered the chance for expanded programming.