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Membership growing at Niles Teen Center

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The Niles Teen Center enjoyed an increase in membership in 2008 as well as the full support of the village government, according to an annual report submitted by director Mark Williams.

"It is clear that membership and participation in the Niles Teen Center is growing," according to the report. "The Teen Center has seen high participation numbers throughout the current school year and es-

pecially high numbers during the summer. During the school year higher attendance days seems to be Tuesdays, Fridays and those days when East Maine School District 63 has an early release from school."

The center currently boasts 250 members from 29 different area schools, with most children coming from Niles or Des Plaines. In 2008, there were more than 4,137 individual visits to the center, which is located at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

With support from the vil-

lage, the teen center has also become involved in interagency programming with other entities like the fitness and senior centers and local library.

The village has also helped the center apply for several grants that would provide additional resources to teens such as a multi-media area staffed by the Niles Public Library.

For more information on the teen center visit their Web page at www.vniles.com.

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