

# **Niles Journal**

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### **Letters To Our Editor**

## **Thankful For Teen Center**

**Editor, Journal:**

As I begin to think about Thanksgiving and all that I have to be thankful for, I wanted to note an event I attended during the past week.

It was the re-opening of the Niles Teen Center at Golf Mill. What a place. The teens of Niles have an outstanding place to go and be with their peers in a safe and nurturing environment. When the Village of Niles decided to open its Teen Center at Golf Mill, I was concerned about its success. Boy was I wrong. The center is great and there is an average of 30 teens arriving daily. While teens in other towns hang out with no supervision, Niles supplies a place for its teens. These are the future of our community and at the Teen Center they are treated as such.

In my 40 years experience in social work, I am hard pressed to find a program that is so targeted toward the well being of the community's youth. This is an example of what a caring community does for its residents and I am proud to be part of it.

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