

Youth Storefront Project

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The Grand Opening of the Youth Storefront Project

The Youth Storefront Project is delighted to announce its grand opening on December 16th, 1995. The open house will run concurrently with Downtown Saturday Night activities, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Storefront is off of Arizona Alley, just south of Broadway. The entrance is on the west side of the building.

There will be a short program at approximately 6:00 pm to recognize all the special people who were instrumental in helping us create the Storefront.

Please accept this invitation and plan to attend this landmark event. There will be items for sale as well as on display. In addition, complementary coffee and cookies will be served. After 6:30 p.m., local musicians will play for our benefit.

If you have any questions about the Storefront or about the open house please call Project M.O.R.E. , at 617-6460.

Storefront Activities

A Youth Storefront booth has been created. The booth has been used at Downtown Saturday Nights on Pennington Street for "Teen Street" activities. A recent "Teen Street", event at Dizzy G's restaurant earned the Storefront over \$200.00.

In addition there are plans to establish a "noon" booth downtown by the library and to employ the booth at Downtown Saturday nights. Along with the booth, a number of Music performances have been used on Pennington Street to promote the Storefront. These music events, and display events, along with the retail outlet will continue at the Arizona Alley location.



Storefront Update

Amazing things have happened in the last eight months. Some readers of this newsletter were present at our first general meeting where the idea of creating a Youth Storefront was discussed. The original idea of having a collaboration of educators, merchants and artists working at a center where mentoring, learning, working, and earning was met with enthusiasm at the March 2, 1995 gathering.

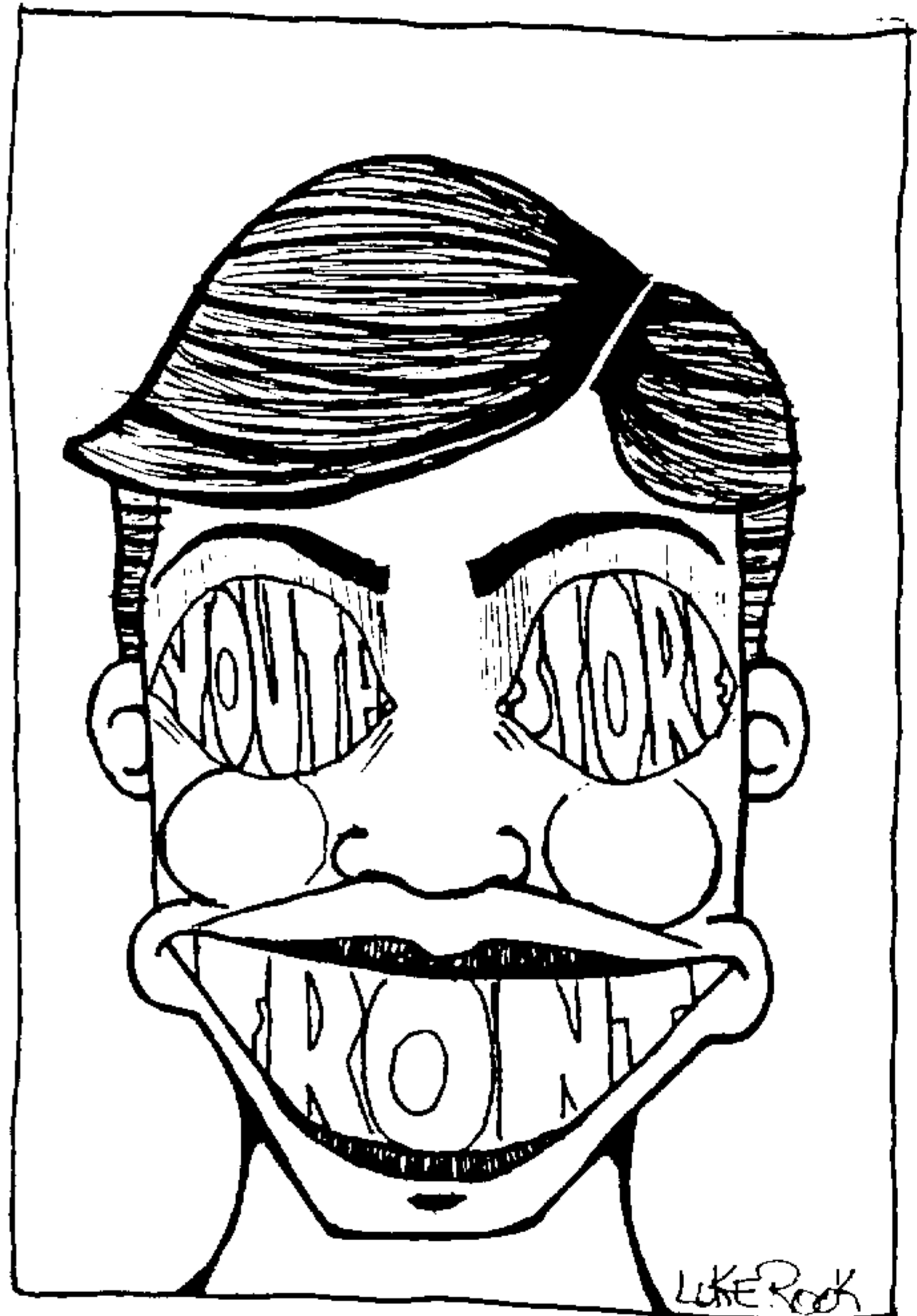
During the fall, a Storefront "class" was offered at Project M.O.R.E. which became the seed bed for more planning. The end result of these months of planning, working, and searching, have finally culminated in the acquisition of a site for the Storefront and last, but not least, plans for our first open house.

We would like to thank all those of you who have attended the various meetings, and offered your endorsement and support for this project. Without your encouragement we could not have seen our way from dream to reality.

The Storefront Building

The Youth Storefront Project has a home! We are located in suite # 200 at the west end of the old Louis Hotel (118 S. 5th Ave.) on Arizona Alley. We are occupying a large 2000 sq. ft. space which will function as display space, retail space, gallery space, and performance space. This will be a multi-functional space! Currently we are in the process of cleaning, fixing, and decorating the Storefront.

We are in need of a variety of items to enhance the space and allow us the projects under way. We could use, carpet, plywood for repairs and construction projects, paint, light fixtures, and other basic materials to facilitate our plans. Please contact us at Project M.O.R.E. tel.:617-6460 with things you may have, or with information about the location of materials. We hope to have a phone at the Storefront within the next month..



Storefront Grants

The Youth Storefront Project was a recipient of a \$2,000.00 grant from Pima Prevention Project this past August. These monies have helped us secure the space for the Storefront and will provide "start up" funds for projects designed by youth.

Also, local artist, M.L. Lincoln has secured a grant from the Tucson Arts Coalition and the Arizona Commission on the Arts. The one thousand dollar grant will be used to develop a photography program at the school.