

(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 determined planning. The end result of these months of planning, working, and searching, have finally culminated in the acquisition of a site for the Storefront, the initial operating plans 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 through from dream to reality.

(Storefront Grants)]

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

(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 to complete 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. 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 Activities)

A Youth Storefront booth has been created. The booth has been used at Downtown Sat. Nights and 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 main 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.

(The Grant Opening of the Youth Storefront)

The Youth Storefront Project is delighted to announce its grant opening on December 16th, 1995. The open house will run from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 p.m. concurrent with Downtown Saturday Night activities. The location will be at the West entrance of the Storefront off Arizona Alley just South of Broadway.

There will a short program at approximately 6:00 p.m. to recognize and acknowledge all those special persons who were instrumental in helping us create the Storefront. Please accept this invasion and plan to attend this special event. There will be items for resale as well as items for display at the Storefront. 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. 617-6460.