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***‘PEACEMAKERS’ CONTINUES TO GROW
CITY SEEKS NEW CLASS MEMBERS***

The Akron PeaceMakers, the Mayor’s anti-crime, youth program ---and the city’s premiere youth volunteer group--- is seeking new members.

“We are looking for teens that have an interest in preserving the future of Akron and would like to play a role in promoting the positive image of youth in our city” said Billy Soule, assistant to Mayor Don Plusquellic and in charge of community relations. “Eighteen of our members graduated from high school this June and are going off to various colleges and universities. We need to replace them and to grow at the same time.”

Soule said the program has grown to 75-80 active members. In 2010, members of the Peacemakers volunteered and participated in more two dozen different community projects and provided 2,700 volunteer hours.

Mayor Plusquellic praised the young participants for their dedication to their city and their passion for community service. “These young citizens are successfully promoting peace in our city and actively making Akron a stronger, safer community. These teens are spending their free time mentoring middle school-aged youngsters and performing community service projects. We’re extremely proud of them.”

The PeaceMakers will hold its summer accelerated orientation sessions to welcome and prepare new members for service beginning August 2 and continuing thru August 5.

To qualify, the young person should reside in the Greater Akron area. Only applicants in grades 9 through 12 will be considered.

The deadline for applications is July 22, 2011.

Application forms are available online at: www.AkronPeaceMakers.org

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