

# OPERATION RIGHT CHOICE MONTHLY REPORT

## APRIL 2005

Students enrolled in Operation Right Choice continue to meet each month. Students enrolled in Project Towards No Drug Abuse meet every Thursday and students enrolled in Project Towards No Tobacco Use meet every other Tuesday.

The Thursday evening class is taught jointly by Tim White and Christy Mulligan and the Tuesday night classes are taught by Christy.

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the Herald Dispatch ran a front page article on ORC and interviewed many of the students in the program. The focus of the story was to showcase ORC and its impact on helping youth understand the dangers associated with drugs and violence.



### ArtWorks

ORC Students continue each Saturday at the Huntington Museum of Art working on their tenth ArtWorks Project.

This project is called, "Passages" and involves the students making 24 concrete blocks. Each block has been molded individually by a student with various patterns and indentions. Once the concrete dries the students will brush on various tints of paint to give the sculpture depth and texture.

The blocks will be permanently mounted on the exterior

of the museum and will create a sculpture measuring around 12 feet by 12 feet. This project wraps up in May and the eleventh project will begin June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Although ArtWorks is fun for the students it is designed to teach team building skills, communication skills, creativity skills, problem solving skills, and critical thinking skills.



# ORC Students Provide Leadership for Middle School Teen Institute



Last year, in conjunction with ORC, The Huntington Housing Authority received a grant to facilitate two middle school teen institutes. ORC students served as the planning and advisory committee and provided much needed leadership at each event.

The theme they chose this year was, "CSI:WV – Committed Students Impacting West Virginia. The entire camp revolved around the TV show CSI.

Over 90 participants from middle schools in Cabell and Wayne Counties attended the two-night, three-day event.

Participants attended workshops on youth violence, tobacco prevention, substance abuse prevention, and healthy lifestyles.

On Friday afternoon, teams competed in various team building skills games designed to challenge them to work together, share ideas, brain storm, and complete tasks with little to no information.



Also, on Friday, participants were challenged to do role reversal activities. The boys took a knitting class and the girls took a fishing class.

ORC students helped to plan all aspects of the event from workshops to menus to snacks and entertainment. They also helped to provided set up and clean up, nightly security, and lead energizers and workshops. Each ORC student was assigned a family group to help facilitate with an adult advisor.

