In June, the **Washtenaw County Medical Society (WCMS) Alliance** “staged” their Teen Health Project in conjunction with the Corner Health Center’s Youth Theatre Troupe. The Troupe performed several times over two days to high school students and conducted workshops on how youth and young adults can recognize depression, and the effects of it, in their peers. The AHEI grant of $270 made it possible to stipends to these young actors, as well as snacks and refreshments as they performed.

The performances and workgroups focused on identifying and preventing youth and young adult risk factors for depression. Topics included bullying, stress, suicide, and peer pressure. This new joint project helped educate the community and students on what symptoms and contributing factors may be present, but often overlooked.

*Some of the talented young actors who performed*

Thank you so much for funding this project. These presentations and workshops allowed over a hundred children and young adults to hear how to deal with what they may be feeling, or that of a friend or classmate. AHEI’s grant definitely supported the fight we have in Washtenaw County in keeping our children safe.

If you wish to donate to the AHEI, for future grants, please visit their website at [www.alliancehei.org](http://www.alliancehei.org). You may also donate to the Corner Health Clinic directly at [https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/cornerhealth](https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/cornerhealth).

Both are non-profit agencies that are tax deductible.

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