



[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter!

October 2, 2012



# ANTI-VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP of Philadelphia

*Together we can end the cycle of violence.*

## This Quarter's News...

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia's newsletter! Here you will find updates on the latest events, news and information on AVP, its partners and the world of violence prevention and victim aid. Here's what this quarter's newsletter includes...

- Client proves to be a "Young Hero"
- You're invited to an Exhibition of Art Therapy!
- Troop 1719 donates backpacks & school supplies
- We welcome our new intern!
- And more!

Read on to get the inside scoop!

## AVP Client is Honored as a "Young Hero"



*Photo courtesy of Greg Bezanis*

Each year, the National Liberty Museum honors a handful of

## About Us



The Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia is a unique organization helping children and youth resolve conflict nonviolently, while assisting victims and their families to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of violence. Our mission is to end the cycle of violence in Philadelphia through comprehensive and collaborative programs.

[Visit our website](#)

Or call us at 215-567-6776 for more information

## Our Board

Anthony Johnson

*Chair*

William McEwan

*Treasurer*

Razelle Frankl, PhD.

Peter Hickok

James Madden

young Philadelphians for their positive impact on schools and communities through their Young Hero Awards. 2012 marked the first year of their new honor, the Troy Johnson Memorial Award. Troy Johnson was a 20-year old mentor and employee of the Liberty Museum who was senselessly killed in North Philadelphia last July. In his honor, his memorial award is given to one young individual who works against violence in Philadelphia. That one young person, and the memorial's first recipient, is AVP's former client and current group mentor, Haniyyah Scott.

18-year-old Haniyyah, who has experienced multiple losses, has long been involved with AVP. She now mentors a grief group of 6-8 year-olds at AVP's main office. Only a few months ago, we included her poetry in this newsletter. We are very proud of her accomplishments, in therapy and out. Now a college freshman, she is studying to become a therapist herself.

Picking up on Haniyyah's story, the South Philly Review introduced her to hundreds of neighborhood readers. Journalist Joseph Myers highlighted her connection to her South Philadelphia community and the connection to her therapist, Molly Schamel, who nominated her for the award. The full story can be read [here](#).

Haniyyah's story is only one of the thousands AVP helps write each year, but we hope that hers will help Philadelphians see the personal impact of violence and the positive effect of a helping hand.

---

## **AVP Hosts its first Exhibition of Art Therapy**

James Madden  
Rachel Kraushaar

Deborah Spungen, MSS,  
MLSP  
*Founding Director*

Executive Director-  
Julie Rausch, MSS, MLSP

Development Assistant-  
Meg Augustin, M.Ed.

---

### ***AVP Welcomes Our New Counseling Intern!***



Kenneth Johnson, a graduate student in the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, has recently joined the Counseling Center team as its newest, year-long intern!

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Johnson has long felt the need to help his community, particularly the "marginalized and distressed members of communities."



Our therapists serve over 250 individuals each year, some in private sessions and others in group settings, enacting a variety of methods to help them cope with loss and trauma. One of these methods is art therapy, or the use of artistic expression to explore and express emotion. Often, the art that is created in therapy sessions is extremely powerful, sometimes frightening and other times uplifting. The art produced in this powerful type of therapy provides insight into the trauma our therapists see daily and the progress our clients have in dealing with this trauma.

To demonstrate the work we do everyday and the stories of the individuals AVP helps, we are hosting our first ever Exhibition of Art Therapy at the Art Sanctuary gallery in Philadelphia. The exhibit will be open to the public from October 5 - 18 but for one night only, AVP invites its friends and supporters to celebrate these works and what has been accomplished through them. We believe that showcasing these pieces will not only provide an opportunity to increase awareness of our work, but also allow clients to tell their own stories in a therapeutic way.

On October 4th at 6:30, Art Sanctuary (628 S. 16th St.) will open its doors to a gallery of therapeutic works. The event will include refreshments and light fare as well as a silent auction with

Members of our community:  
"The opportunity to intern at the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia will provide me the space to further develop my clinical skills as a social worker," he notes, "while also working directly with individuals and families who have experienced various forms of trauma due to violence. I'm excited to be at AVP!"

### ***AVP Reaches Out to Young Philadelphians***



For the last three years, Young Involved Philadelphia (Y.I.P.) has brought Philadelphia organizations, charities and young people together through State of Young Philly, a week of events aimed at "engaging, connecting and representing the young demographic by turning ideas into tangible outcomes."

As part of this year's lineup, AVP was invited to participate in an opening night volunteer fair. The event brought together over 200 young Philadelphians and around 20 local organizations in an effort to provide young people the opportunity to be involved in their communities.

AVP met many young people interested in volunteer opportunities and board membership while bringing together AVP staff & board members to engage new supporters.

fantastic items such as a 3-day Vacation in Napa and a Fighter Pilot experience! Can't make the event? You can still take part in the auction online at [avpphila.org/exhibit](http://avpphila.org/exhibit).

---

## AVP Partners with Boy Scout Troop for Second Annual Backpack Drive



After a very successful backpack drive last year, AVP was lucky enough to continue the tradition, this year partnering with Boy Scout Troop 1719 of Germantown. After much discussion on who to help for their annual charity drive, the troop leaders chose AVP because of our work with children in local communities.

Troop 1719 collected over 10 backpacks with enough supplies to fill them all - with additional supplies left over! AVP's therapists selected several needy families with young children to receive the full backpacks, providing several more families with the extra supplies.

For many of our clients and their families, autumn can be a stressful time of year when additional expenses like school uniforms and classroom supplies begin to pile up. Starting school

We are very happy about the turn out and excited to engage new, young supporters with AVP's mission to end the cycle of violence!

may also bring back painful memories of loss associated with the season or with a recent incident. For these families, a backpack and donated school supplies are a meaningful donation and a reminder of the good in people.

We are very thankful to Troop 1719 for their support and hard work in collecting items and supporting those effected by violence.

Tel: (215) 567-6776  
Fax: (215) 567-6775  
Email: [avp@avpphila.org](mailto:avp@avpphila.org)

---

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

---

The Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia  
2000 Hamilton St  
Suite 304  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

