



FYI + HOK APPRECIATION EVENT | JULY 28, 2016

**FERGUSON YOUTH INITIATIVE RECOGNIZES:  
FERGUSON YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS +  
MCCLUER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

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The Ferguson Youth Initiative is a nonprofit agency that unites the city of Ferguson, Missouri's teens, officials, residents and educators to find new ways to serve and engage young (aged 13-19) members of the community.

- Earn A Bike program gives youth the opportunity to earn a free bike while they learn about bicycle safety and maintenance.
- Earn A Computer teaches youth programming and internet safety to earn a free computer.
- Ferguson Community Service Program (FCSP) provide youth an opportunity to perform mentor guided service work in place of incarceration or fines for misdemeanors or as a condition of probation. Youth also receive counseling, support and inclusion in positive youth-directed activities.
- FYI Backbay Drop-In & Drop-By Program provides an open house after school at the FYI Backbay for free standing and structured Creative Circles. Youth have access to computers, tutors, and art materials along with a space to work and play games.
- Open Arts offers teens opportunities on a monthly basis to perform "on-stage" in a comfortable, non-competitive space. In addition, youth are able to interact with professional artists and learn hands-on techniques.
- Next Steps instructs teens (ages 15 to 19) in the necessary steps to gain and sustain employment in addition to equipping them with college planning strategies.
- Spot 394 transforms facilities into a pop-up youth center where young people can play games, listen to music, and engage in other youth-centric activities.



## FYI INTERIOR RENOVATIONS/BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

A team from HOK's St. Louis office met with representatives from the Ferguson Youth Initiative and its teen advisory board, collaborating over several months to create a design for a renovated, inviting teen center. Over two weekends in October, HOK volunteers worked alongside Ferguson teens and community members to build and fit out the space.

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### Acoustics

Improve the space's acoustical performance to minimize noisy distractions and create a more comfortable environment.

2

### Flexible Computer Desks

Design and build a computer desk solution to allow for youth to study and use computers, yet not take up limited square footage.

3

### Wayfinding & Signage

Create a cohesive brand that provides FYI with improved street presence, and is carried throughout the interior.

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### Refreshed Interior

Create a welcoming space that empowers youth to be engaged in activities and provides flexibility to run multiple programs.

*Contributors included LANDCO Construction, TJ Wies Contracting, Steelcase, Golterman & Sabo, Designtex, Negwer Materials, Painting & Decorating Foundation, St. Louis BWorks, Express Scripts, JMC Wood Manufacturing, StoneTree Fabrications Inc., Lighting Associates Inc., Summit Sign & Graphics, Guarantee Electrical, Murphy, Saint Louis Lighting Group, Spectrum Lighting, Herman Miller, USG, Professional Office Environments, Bentley Carpet, Flooring Systems Inc., City of Ferguson, Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures, Tingle Flooring, Armstrong Flooring, Flooring Systems Inc. and Sherwin-Williams.*