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**TEENS TO SHOW RESULTS OF PHOTO PROJECT WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th**

**RVRHS Teens Express Their Views and Concerns via “Photovoice”**

The photographs resulting from a teen project, co-sponsored by the Burlington County Health Department, Community Partnership for Healthy Adolescents will be displayed at Rancocas Valley Regional High School on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Called “Through Our Eyes: Portraits of Our Community,” seven high school students from the high school were given cameras to record and reflect their community’s concerns, allowing their photographs to create dialogue in the community and enhance leadership.

The students named their project “Community Safety” with photographs representing images of what they see as community neglect, abandonment and dangerous conditions. The students feel that people walk around everyday seeing what is happening in the community but become numb to what they see on a regular basis; they feel the photographs can wake up the community to the possibilities of what a safe community looks like. These seven students take pride in their community and want to make it a better place for everyone. As the students have said, “We are your future; please listen to what we have to say.”

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The photographs will be on displayed in the cafeteria of Rancocas Valley Regional High School, 520 Jacksonville Road in Mount Holly from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Partnership for Healthy Adolescents is funded by a grant from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. For more information, contact Elfrieda Francis, Healthy Adolescent Coordinator, at (609)-265-5548 or Tanya Jackson, Special Projects & Public Relations Coordinator at RVRHS, at (609) 267-0837 x 518.



***Students who participated in the project include (L-R) Arienne Thomas, Thomas Stanimirov, Karen Yeash, Casey Budd and Armando Rijo. Front Row: Sierra Taylor and Luisa Palmese.***

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