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## Mind 2 Mind Youth Programs

Our Mind 2 Mind activities support academic enrichment and social development of diverse low-income neighborhood youth. In 2007, Summer Day Camp served 30 young people, ages 6-12, with daily activities June through August. The After School program served 12 children from Grant, Nettleton, and Congdon Park schools. The annual Halloween Carnival had record attendance with extra support from St. Paul's Episco-

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### Community Assessment Project

Wilder Foundation Research and much community support have come together to help conduct a comprehensive survey of needs with 200 households in East Hillside; and 100 in (each) Central Hillside and Lincoln Park Neighborhoods. Over 30 volunteers and college students have been trained to conduct the door-to-door surveys, and many are still meeting challenges of weather and finding people home to collect all the data. Patch, along with many community agencies and groups, will use the information collected about community people's needs and interests to plan future activities, projects and services. Patch expects to move into Phase II of this project by Spring of 2008, when Wilder Research and partner organizations received the survey results, and will organize meetings to discuss findings with neighborhood people.

Partner organizations include: United Way of Greater Duluth, Duluth LISC, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, UMD Dept's of Sociology and Social Work. Additional support for this project came from Minnesota Power, St. Luke's Foundation, and Community Action Duluth.

Patch works with  
East Hillside/Endion  
Neighborhood people & groups to  
enhance community wellbeing  
& achieve social justice.

### Social Justice

The annual Seminar on Neoliberal Globalization, and a *new* training on Transformative Community Activism were organized by Marek Fuller and served over 25 community people (including participants of Health Equity Project and the Race, Culture, Achievement Initiative). One of the founders of Patch and a life-long social activist, Marek retired from social work and teaching and has since focused on extensive research and development of information, methods, and resources that current social justice work demands. Patch has been grateful for Marek's dedication and honored to support his commitment to social justice and to the community.