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## **Area groups attend Peace Service Fair**

Seventeen Chicago area organizations participated in Queen of Peace High School's fourth annual service fair Wednesday, Sept. 17.

The fair offers students the opportunity to talk with various agencies about volunteering and for organizations to recruit volunteers. Peace students are required to accumulate 60 service hours before their senior year.

Service coordinator Kat Greenan said the fair would not be successful without the support of local nonprofit organizations.

"What is great about the service fair is the opportunity for the young women of Peace to ask questions and discover what they can do for different organizations," Greenan said.

"Many of our students choose to volunteer for groups that they typically would not have thought of, partly because service fair gives them a chance to learn about such a wide variety of organizations."

Julie Soto, youth services librarian from the Bridgeview Public Library, was pleased with the interest students showed in volunteering.

"I'm hoping to get a few good volunteers to come out and help," she said. "Volunteers help stretch our program dollars. They are a real help and that allows staff to spend more of their time on programs."

Groups who attended were Bridgeview Public Library, Port Ministries, Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Palos Community Hospital, Oak Lawn Park District, Wellness House, Park Lawn Association, American Cancer Society, South West Special Recreation

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Association, American Diabetes Association, Treasure Chest Foundation, Aquinas  
Literacy Center, The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, Catholic Charities, Garden Center  
Services, Share Your Soles; and from Queen of Peace's Poverty and Hunger Taskforce,  
Environmental Taskforce and Human Rights Taskforce.

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