

Notes for Change: Excerpts from ANYTOWN Participants' Letters to their High School Principals



Living The Golden Rule.

These excerpts are from a collection of letters written to high school principals called Notes for Change. On the final day of ANYTOWN, participants were asked to think about their week-long experience and reflect on how they would apply their newfound knowledge once they returned home. They were asked to write letters to their principals and share their ideas. These letters proved to be insightful and inspirational. Here are some excerpts from the 2009 ANYTOWN Notes for Change.

"ANYTOWN was a life changing experience for me, and it should be recommended to many if not all students."

Andy
American Hebrew Academy

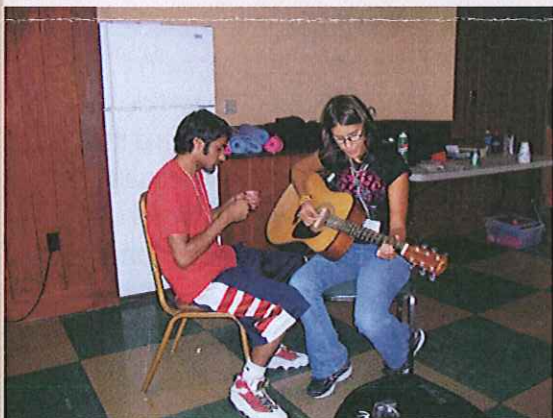
"I recently had the best experience in my life at Camp ANYTOWN. This camp showed me the importance of diversity, acceptance, and courage. I can honestly say that I am a different person and that I can change my way of life dramatically."

Jesus
High Point Central High School



"ANYTOWN represents many groups and people. The one thing we all had in common was that in our hearts everyone wants to be accepted and cared for. NCCJ is a organization that everyone needs to know about in our school. We need to end all cliques and prejudice against each other. "

Anonymous ANYTOWNER
Southwest High School



"At ANYTOWN, we learned about the harsh reality of bias, bigotry, and racism but at the same time learned how to be accepting and loving to everyone no matter what."

The Page High Eleven
Collective Group of Delegates from Page High School
Session II

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"This summer eleven of your brightest Whirlies had a life-changing experience at ANYTOWN. We would like to bring our newfound knowledge and open-mindedness back to Grimsley. We have a lot of ideas of how we could do this."

Written by eleven ANYTOWN participants from Grimsley High School, Session I

"We were taught to accept others regardless of their differences and to interact with people outside of our comfort zone. We learned that segregation and discrimination are real life situations and that we must stand up for what we believe in."

Written as a group by the collective six delegates from Western Guilford High, Session II

"You really need to encourage people at Southeast to be a part of Camp ANYTOWN! I personally loved every minute of it! It is such a wonderful experience!"

Rachel
Southeast High School



"At ANYTOWN we learned the significance of experiencing different cultures; therefore we would like to have different individuals of various cultures come and speak to the students of our school. As a whole we believe, that by learning these things about our culture and others would help our community become open-minded."

Written as a group by the collective four delegates from Dudley High School, Session I



"We as a select student body pledge to make a difference in the world we live in as it concerns racial discrimination, stereotypes etc. We will do whatever it takes to positively spread the word that any type of discrimination is not right. Our goal is not to settle for less but to go above and beyond all means to make this happen. This is our promise."

Written as a group by the collective three delegates from The Middle College at GTCC-High Point