

Around Town

Teen Room Makeover

Through a collaboration between In Search of Me, Inc. and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County, the first brick-and-mortar *In Search of Me Cafe* is being constructed at the Miller Freedom Center in Yulee, Florida.

With a team led by Bill Gower, Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation President, the new Teen Room will offer Nassau County teens a safe place to learn life skills during after school sessions. Made possible by a generous donation from Frank Malone, the Boys & Girls Club also recruited the volunteer services of Rita Scholz, Amelia Interior Design, Bill Lord, Lord Painting, and John Turner, Turner Construction.



Painting Crew on Day 1: Boys & Girls Club teen boys, Connor Cottle, Stan Cottle, Bill Gower, Jamie Thompson, Sherryl Smith, Bill Lord, John Turner.

"Bill Gower has assembled an amazing team of helpful professionals who will realize the dream of a physical location for teens to learn valuable life skills," said Stan Cottle, *In Search of Me Cafe*'s creator. "The support of the Boys & Girls Club Board, Unit Director Jamie Thompson and Program Director Sherryl Smith is invaluable."



With the participation of Boys & Girls Club teens, completion of the Teen Room is targeted for August 4, to coincide with the Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Carnival to be held at Miller Freedom Center, 942259 Old Nassauville Road.

Bill Lord, professional painter, instructs teens on painting technique.

As school resumes August 16, teens at Miller Freedom Center will use the new Teen Room to experience the interactive life skills learning program, *In Search of Me Cafe*.

Led by new staff instructor Ms. India Edge, teens will explore life skills topics via *In Search of Me Cafe* curriculum. The teens will interact with content and other teens online at www.insearchofmecafe.com, using provided laptop computers in the Teen Room. Their responses will be documented, with some teens appearing in videos on the *In Search of Me Cafe* website.

For more information about the *In Search of Me Cafe* program, please call 904-476-4302 or visit www.insearchofmecafe.com. For information about The Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County, please call 904-261-8666 or visit www.bgc Nassau.org.

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