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Teens Addressing Today's Issues Through The Arts

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Prince George's County, Maryland | Whether it's the economy or global warming, the views and opinions of every segment of our country's population seem to be considered except for those of the segment whose futures may be the most affected – our youth.

Teens Express, a Prince George's County-based, nonprofit, youth development and performing arts organization, has developed a program that provides teens with life skills and artistic training designed to empower youth with the ability to address our nation's most newsworthy topics. Recently Teens Express youth members produced an online video addressing the Chris Brown and Rihanna incident, along with a second video addressing gang violence.

Beginning in November 2009, Teens Express youth will provide an online mock radio station, Teen Talk Mock Radio (WTMR). Through the station, the youth will stay on top of all current issues and will address how each issue affects the lives of our young people, today and in the future.

In addition to addressing today's issues, Teens Express also addresses those day-to-day issues that touch our lives through its live production of The Message, an original presentation created by the youth and the program's directors. The topic of the production changes bi-annually. The Message for 2009–2010 is "Moving the Immovable," in which issues such as the economy, deadbeat dads, single parenthood and more are addressed via original rap, music, and spoken word along with various theatrical skits.

Teens Express serves youth in Prince George's County, Maryland, and Washington, DC. For more information about Teens Express, its productions, and how you can help, visit <http://www.teensexpress.org>.