

SMOKETOWN HEROS+SHEROS

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STUDENTS AT THE
SMOKETOWN SUPER
SOLUTIONS ACADEMY
ARE WORKING
AS USUAL
WHEN...



**SMOKETOWN
IS IN
TROUBLE!**

**AN ALERT
SOUNDS!**

GREEN
FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT!



CAPTAIN JUSTICE RALLIES THE SUPER
SOLUTIONS TEAM TO GO OVER THE BASICS
OF THEIR MISSION.



SO THE SUPER SOLUTIONS
TEAM WORKS TOGETHER TO
DIG UP THE FACTS.

THE POLLUTERS
ARE GAINING
POWER! REDLINING,
STIGMA, AND
FEWER RESOURCES
HAS MADE US
VULNERABLE!

STILL, THESE
VILLAINS ARE
NO MATCH FOR
SMOKETOWN!

LET'S TAKE ACTION!

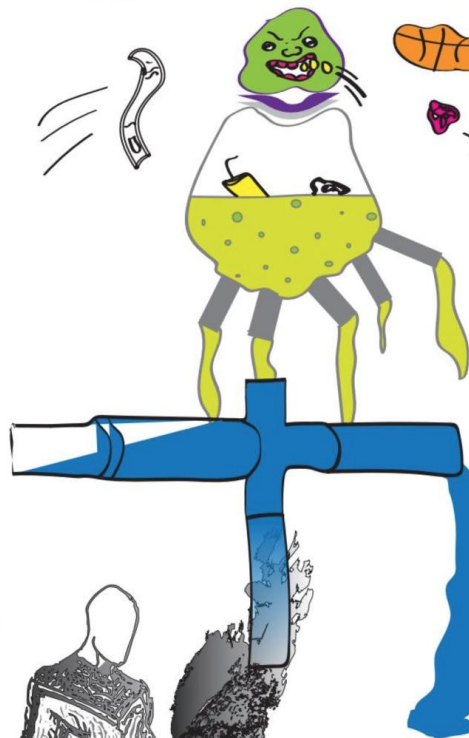
WE'D BETTER
SEND
SUPER TY OUT
TO SEE WHAT'S
GOING ON!



**SUPER TY TELEPORTS TO
THE SCENE IN A PUFF OF
BLUE SMOKE!**

**SUPER TV
TELEPORTS INTO
THE CRISIS!!**

**WATER SCAR IS
POLLUTING THE
WATER WITH
LITTER!**



**LEAD HEAD IS
POISONING THE
WATER AND TURNING
ALL PIPES TO LEAD!**



**GAIA AND SCARSCRAPER
ARE KILLING THE PLANT
LIFE!**



**AND TO MAKE IT
ALL WORSE.....
SANIC IS
SPREADING
DESPAIR!**



SUPER TY'S REPORT
DOESN'T SCARE THE
STUDENTS AT ALL. THEY
GO TO WORK TO SOLVE
THE CHALLENGE!



KNOWING SUPER TY COULDN'T
DO IT ALONE, THEY USE
SCIENCE AND CREATIVITY
TO MAKE 4 MORE
HEROS+SHEROS THAT BECOME...



THE SMOKETOWN FIVE!



**AQUIFER DISSOLVES LEAD HEAD USING THE
WATER HAMMER AS HYDROHAWK DRAINS
WATERSCAR OF ITS POLLUTANTS!**

**TERRA USES HER
PAT TO CLEANSE
GODDESS GAIA!**

**SUPER TY WRESTLES
SCARSCRAPER AND
TELEPORTS HIM BACK
TO DOWNTOWN!**

**LIL PEANUT
TRAPS SANIC'S
DARKNESS WANDS
IN INDESTRUCTIBLE
PEANUT SHELLS!**

SMOKETOWN RESIDENTS ARE SO INSPIRED BY THE VICTORY OF THE *SMOKETOWN FIVE* THAT THEY DECIDE TO COMBINE THEIR TALENTS, KNOWLEDGE, AND CREATIVITY, TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SO THE SUPER POLLUTER VILLAINS CAN NEVER RETURN.

THE *SMOKETOWN SUPER SOLUTIONS ACADEMY* IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE **HERO+SHEROS ACTION SHEET**!

WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE DOES SOMETHING SUPER EVERYDAY!



A GODDESS! DEVICE! WHAT DOES *PAT* STAND FOR? SOMETHING COMPLICATED, I BET.

PURIFYING ABSORBING THING...

...OH



SMOKETOWN HEROS+SHEROS ACTION SHEET!



TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP. SUPER TY IS FROM SMOKETOWN AND HE IS ABLE TO BE A LEADER IN MAKING IT A BETTER PLACE! HE KNOWS HOW GREAT HIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS AND WORKS TO MAKE SURE IT IS A HEALTHY PLACE TO BE.



GET INFORMED!

NOW THAT YOU HAVE PRIDE, LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ABOUT WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY DOES WELL AND WHAT IT STILL NEEDS. LIKE THE SUPER SOLUTIONS TEAM, ONCE YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION, YOU CAN SAVE THE DAY!



SPREAD AWARENESS

NOT EVERYONE CAN DO A PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT YOU CAN MAKE A FLIER AND TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS ABOUT WHAT YOU LEARNED WHEN YOU GOT INFORMED! CREATE YOUR OWN HERO+SHERO TO SPREAD THE WORD!



LET'S TAKE ACTION!

THE SMOKETOWN SUPER SOLUTIONS TEAM HAS SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YOU!



- 1 HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD + SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY TO PICK UP LITTER!
- 2 USE A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE, ESPECIALLY ONE WITH A FILTER!
- 3 PLANT A TREE OR RAIN GARDEN TO HELP CLEAN THE WATER + AIR! IF YOU CAN'T PLANT AT HOME, VOLUNTEER AT A LOCAL TREE PLANTING!
- 4 GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS + CREATE YOUR OWN HERO+SHERO CLUB FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE!
- 5 CALL THE WATER COMPANY TO CHECK PIPES IN YOUR AREA FOR LEAD! LEAD HEAD IS SO DANGEROUS!



Hero+Shero Journeys is an artist residency program designed by IDEAS xLab. The project raises student awareness of environmental health through a social justice framework and engages students in policy innovation using arts and culture strategies. Four artists created separate curriculums using science+art for students to design their own Hero+Shero Journey. The in-class residency project was led by spoken-word artist Christopher Rasheed, a sixth-grade creative writing teacher at Meyzeek Middle School in the Smoketown neighborhood of Louisville, KY. The artists-in-residence included: Dominique Paul (Air Quality Dress), Todd Smith (Diverse Ground and Poetry Jam), Andrew Thuita (One-Minute Film Festival on Water Quality). Brianna Harlan produced the Smoketown Hero+Sheros Comic Book and co-created the storyline and character designs with students. Advisors for the soil and water projects were Kurt Mason, District Conservationist with the National Resources Conservation Service for USDA and Gordon Garner, past Executive Director of Louisville Metro Sewer District and current president of KY Waterways Alliance.

This comic book serves as the presentation document describing the journey Super Heros+Sheros would take to use their powers to create a healthier neighborhood through civic engagement. The story features the next steps identified by students that could become a foundation for a new policy initiative. IDEAS xLab would like to thank the Jefferson County Public Schools Board of Education, Principal Chris Burba at Meyzeek Middle School, and teacher Chris Rasheed for their support of the Hero+Shero Journeys Project.

