

Youth Impact

Making a difference...one youth at a time.

This month Youth Impact was mainly focused on teaching the social skills. Youth were learning how to listen, communicate, deal with bullying, restore broken relationships, express their own opinion and talk using "I" statements.

After one of those lessons the girls would come telling how they applied what they have learned. One of the girls said, "After the YI lesson I went to my room and my roommate had her friends there and I didn't like it but this time instead of accusing her I used an "I" statement and it worked, we did not have an argument after that as we usually do."

Christmas and New Years!!!

All 20 participants of Youth Impact has been invited to the office to celebrate Christmas and New Years in the American style, playing games, hearing the story of Christmas and of course receiving gifts (care packages with shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.). Their smiles and happy faces told us they had wonderful time.



Christmas party was combined with the cooking lessons where the girls learned how to make pizza and cookies. Most of the girls did not know how to cook since they have never been taught but when they finished some of them asked for recipes saying that cooking is not that difficult as they thought.



Kulzahira (20)

"Thanks to college preparation courses that Interlink helped to pay for I was able to receive a scholarship.

Now I'm a freshman at college to be a teacher of Kazakh language and literature."

Two other girls, Youth Impact participants, who are graduating this summer and want to go to college just received the preparation test books that will increase their chances to receive scholarship.

