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## **YouthBuild Schedules Open House to Showcase Student Projects**

PETOSKEY, MI—The Petoskey site of YouthBuild Northwest is holding an open house to give the community an opportunity to meet the students and see some of the projects they have been working on. The open house will be held Tuesday, March 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the YouthBuild office located at 1601 Standish Avenue in Petoskey.

During the open house students will demonstrate some of the skills they have learned by building Adirondack chairs that will be available for sale to the public. The event will also include a light supper and door prizes.

YouthBuild is a national construction training and education program for low-income youth. It gives young adults without high school diplomas the opportunity to earn their GED while learning entry-level construction, work readiness, and leadership skills. Hands-on construction training takes place while building affordable housing within the community. Participants who successfully complete the program receive a nationally recognized construction trades certification.

YouthBuild is a program of Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, operated by Northwest Michigan Works!, with grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration. YouthBuild Northwest operates programs in Petoskey and Cadillac.

More information about YouthBuild Northwest is available at: [nwm.org/youthbuild](http://nwm.org/youthbuild).

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