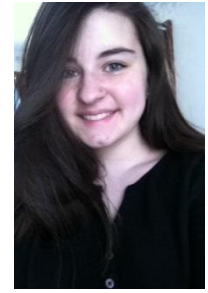


“This event is great for youth in our area because it shows them that they have value and causes them to focus on important aspects of life and their futures.”

--- Anna, sophomore at Marcellus High School



## TEENFEST FACTS

**WHAT:** TeenFest is a FREE event for teenagers featuring live music, food, giveaways, raffles and vendor tables with information that will help teens to make healthy choices. It’s organized by Contact Community Services’ Teen Talk program, giving TeenFest the unique advantage of being created for teens, by teens.

**WHEN:** 4:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016

**WHERE:** The Palace Theatre, 2384 James Street, Syracuse

**WHO:** The event is geared toward Central New York youth ages 13-19, but open to anyone who wants to attend.

**WHY:** TeenFest gives teenagers an opportunity to attend a fun event in a safe environment where they will receive important information on goods, services and opportunities that matter to them.

**SPONSORS:** Key TeenFest sponsors include Empower Federal Credit Union, Berkshire Bank, National Grid, Wegmans and SRC, Inc.

**About Teen Talk:** Teen Talk is a multi-media experience for teens, created by teens. Teen Talk’s mission is to use teen voices to promote healthy choices throughout Central New York. For more information, visit [www.teentalkradio.org](http://www.teentalkradio.org).

**About Contact Community Services:** Contact Community Services is a human services organization dedicated to suicide awareness and prevention. Contact offers a variety of community and school-based services and programs that advance positive behavior and social, emotional and mental health. For more information, visit [www.contactsyracuse.org](http://www.contactsyracuse.org).

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“I believe our festival is something that will help all teens, show us some steps we need to take to be ready to enter the ‘real world,’ and guide us in making healthy decisions.”

--- Jaclyn, junior at Corcoran High School



“The festival is a great way for youth to learn about wellness and become aware of how they can improve their mental, physical, and emotional health.”

--- Sophia, senior at Corcoran High School