Results

Educational Development:
- Executed a pilot program at the Valentine’s Boys and Girls Club in Bridgeport (March 28th - April 8th) 20 student program, ages 7-15
- Developed a curriculum in accordance to Illinois State Standards
- Defined LEGO Art in terms of what the program will entail
- Gathering youth and teachers to participate in the LEGO Art program
- Evaluation of the pilot program through informal interviews and testimonials

Funding and Sustainability:
- Selected official sponsor and partners
- Created a marketing plan to raise awareness of the program
- Created a functional website - legoart.org
- Created a link for donations
- Created a sustainability plan for future groups of IPRO 361: LEGO Art including how-to for grant proposal writing
- Committed to working with the Boys and Girls Club Chicago

Recognizing Individuals:
- Created a virtual gallery located on the website
- Created unique trophies that reflect the student art and individual
- Recognition of the LEGO Art program through multiple IIT Technews articles
- Final exhibition for the pilot program with a recognition party for participants
- Reserved a location at IIT display all final LEGO Art pieces

Conclusions

Incubated from the IPRO 2.0 last semester, LEGO Art was launched on its first official full semester IPRO this spring. During the semester, our team managed to successfully launch a two week pilot program in the Louis L. Valentine Boys and Girls Club of Chicago (BGCC). The LEGO Art program consisted of activities where the participants were able to not only learn how to build structures based on architecture and engineering but also on their own creativity.

After the completion of the program, our team executed a gallery opening event to showcase the final products of the participants as well as to recognize their work by giving them individualized trophies. Suffice it is to say that the program was successful we have taken some testimonials from the BGCC's program coordinator.

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Future Work

Fall 2011:
- Execution of grant and funding plan
- Initiation of afterschool program and LEGO Art curriculum for a longer duration
- Prepare schematic and finalized design of media promotion
- Collaboration with additional partnerships and sponsors