

Date

Name

Title

Organization

Address

City, State Zip

Dear :

I am enclosing a copy of a youth survey that has been developed by the two Youth Philanthropy groups in Hendricks County, Youth Enriching Society (YES) and Youth as Resources (YAR). The students on the board are hoping to get responses from a broad cross-section of youth in Hendricks County by disseminating this needs assessment to a few classes in all are high schools. It is Youth Philanthropy's goal to learn about the needs of youth in Hendricks County so that their efforts can be better focused.

I am writing you for permission to allow Youth Philanthropy members, _____, _____, _____ and _____, to hand this survey out in classrooms before the end of _____. The survey might need a brief explanation at the beginning of class, and we would also like to collect them on completion. The process should take a total of 10 minutes. All Youth Philanthropy members understand that teachers will need advanced notice of this effort. We are hoping everyone will consider this project worthwhile.

I hope this request will meet with your approval. Please call DeeDee Daniel or Diane Murer if there are any questions at (317) 718-1200 or (317)745-4694 respectively.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

DeeDee Daniel

Dianne Murer

Enclosure

Youth Philanthropy Survey

Philanthropy is defined by Merriam-Webster's Dictionary as goodwill toward all people. We define youth philanthropy as giving your time, talent, and treasures for the common good. Youth Philanthropy is made up area high school students who make recommendations to a grant committee about grants supporting programs to benefit young people in Hendricks County.

In order to make recommendations that best meet the needs and interest of Hendricks County's young people, we are asking you to help us by filling out this survey. This survey is a quick way for you to give your input on:

- the important issues facing young people in Hendricks County
- the types of programs you think are needed in the community; and
- leisure time activities.

It should take about five (5) minutes to complete the entire survey.

Thank you for helping us out.

School _____

Grade _____

Age _____

Male/Female (circle one)

Important Issues

1. Please rank from 1 (highest) to 3 (lowest), what you see as the top three most important issues facing you as a young person in Hendricks County. Rank only the top three.

- _____ Teen sexuality
- _____ Alcohol & drug abuse
- _____ Smoking
- _____ Stress and career/college pressure
- _____ Lack of opportunities/activities outside of school
- _____ Transportation
- _____ Lack of youth-related organizations and programs
- _____ Safety
- _____ Negative adult perception of young people
- _____ Discrimination
- _____ Health issues (i.e. eating disorders)

____ Racial tension
____ Other: _____

2. If you were the Mayor of your town, please rank from 1 (highest) to 3 (lowest), what you see as the top three most important issues facing the community.

____ Substance abuse
____ Health issues
____ Environment
____ Racism and discrimination
____ Employment/economy
____ Education
____ Community volunteerism/participation
____ Safety
____ Hunger
____ Housing/homelessness
____ Other: _____

3. What three words would you use to describe being a teenager in Hendricks County?

1.
2.
3.

Needed Programs and Activities for Youth

4. If you were able to make one change to make things better for teens in Hendricks County, what would it be? _____

5. Youth Philanthropy provides money to support youth programs and activities. If you had the money to provide grants, which youth-related programs or activities would you fund? Please check those of interest (any or all).

____ Leadership activities
____ Skill-building workshops/classes (i.e. art, music, fitness, leadership)
____ Tutoring programs
____ Counseling services
____ After-school recreation
____ Job development/employment programs
____ Social activities at local community centers
____ Mentoring programs
____ Transportation services
____ Community service opportunities
____ Other: _____

Please circle any of the above that you would participate in or attend.

Use of Leisure Time

6. What do you currently do during your free time? Check all that apply.

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Hang out with friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Music, art | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

7. What do you do for fun on weekends? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend sports events | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend concerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to parties with friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read | <input type="checkbox"/> Hang out downtown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take classes (what kind? _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

8. What limits you from participating in after school and/or weekend activities?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough time | <input type="checkbox"/> Family obligations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work obligations | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know what's going on |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money/things are too expensive | |
| (How much do you spend in an average weekend? \$_____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

9. How do you find out about what is going on? Check all that apply.

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> School fliers | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Web/e-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> TV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community organizations; which ones? _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

10. What four things would you do on a perfect weekend?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

11. Are you too busy? Yes/No (circle one)

12. Are you busy enough? Yes/No (circle one)

13. Are you content with your level of activity? Yes/No (circle one)

14. What are two (2) good things happening in Hendricks County?

1. _____
2. _____

15. Additional Comments:

Thank you for your participation.