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2nd Community Solutions Initiative - Prepared by 20 - An Alliance for the Second Decade

A group of community leaders, who have been actively involved in the Community Solutions region-wide planning and implementation process, will gather at a Youth Summit on June 22. The purpose of the summit is to shape the second Community Solutions initiative.

Last fall, with input from the community at-large, the group decided that education should be the area of focus for the next initiative. Mentoring and positive adult influences were further identified as important issues that affect education and young people's lives. The overriding goal is that this will **not be a new program**. It will be an initiative that creates and sustains an alliance of existing agencies, educators, parents, and citizens interested in leveraging community support and systems to break down barriers. In doing so, it will create awareness and provide resources that can make the second decade of life a time that prepares young people for what life offers.

The name of the initiative is "Prepared by 20 - An Alliance for the Second Decade of Life". The broad goals of the initiative are to increase high school graduation rates, community

Young Leaders Society Upcoming Events



The United Way Young Leaders Society is a local group of more than 300 members that promotes and encourages the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism among young residents of Benton and Franklin Counties and other individuals with similar professional and community interests.

Join us for our luncheon:

When: Tuesday, July 6, 2010
Noon - 1:00 p.m. with
registration at 11:45 a.m.
Where: Anthony's Homeport
Restaurant
Cost: \$15 per person

Current and potential YLS members will hear about upcoming volunteer opportunities, learn more about the mission of United Way YLS, and engage in fellowship with other attendees.

Seating is limited. RSVP to Sarah Murphy at smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com or (509) 783-4102.

For more information on the Young Leaders Society, events, and/or volunteer

involvement (by youth and for youth), post-secondary education participation and eventual self-sufficiency. It is also the initiative's goals to decrease gang activity, substance abuse and teen pregnancy.

Our Babies Can't Wait is the first Community Solutions initiative and was launched in January, 2009.

opportunities, visit our website at www.youngleaderssociety.com.



United Way Funded Program Highlights Did you know that last program year. . .



EDUCATION

Benton Franklin Head Start - School Readiness Program

The program has hosted two training sessions for local school district staff as well as child care providers from across the community. As a result, 400 backpacks were distributed to families throughout the area.



HEALTH

Grace Clinic - Diabetic Wellness and Health Promotion for the Uninsured

The program has been able to assist many uninsured patients. Listed is a sample of the types of services offered:

- 443 medical services
- 27 dental services
- 214 lab services
- 32 counseling services



SAFETY

The Arc of the Tri-Cities - Youth Services

202 kids with disabilities and 571 kids without disabilities (773 total kids) participated in a lunchtime program to promote diversity in order to breakdown stereotypes regarding individuals with developmental disabilities.



SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Catholic Family & Child Service of the Tri-Cities - Senior Companion/Volunteer Chore Service

The program had 208 volunteers who served 567 clients. Volunteers were able to complete 21 wheelchair ramps.

On the Calendar



Tuesday, July 6

14:45 - 1:00 p.m.

Young Leaders Society Luncheon

[Full List of Events](#)

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