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**BOONE COUNTY YOUTH CABINET:
Looking for a Few Good Teens**

The County and YMCA partner to provide program to teens.

The Boone County Fiscal Court and is partnering with the RC Durr YMCA to continue and expand the Boone County Youth Cabinet (BCYC). The program, established by the Boone County Fiscal Court seven years ago, helps students develop in the areas of leadership and civic responsibility by offering youth perspectives to the Judge-Executive and Fiscal Court; encouraging teens to become familiar with the legal and judicial process; engaging them in decision-making and service-learning; and how youth can influence public policy. “The Youth Cabinet is a great way for to expose our youth to community issues and educate them on how to become involved in the process. Our partnership with the YMCA will only enhance the experience of this great program” stated Judge Gary Moore.

Students who participate in the BCYC Program have the opportunity to meet the Judge-Executive, County Administrator, County Attorney, Public Safety Employees from the Jail and Sheriff’s Department, State Legislators, local business leaders of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and other youth in the state engaged in public policy in their communities. This year, the teens will have the opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Youth Assembly and Kentucky United Nations Assembly through the YMCA, where over 5,000 youth from the state assemble to participate in local, state, and international community forums. Trisha Rayner, the Executive Director of the RC Durr YMCA states, “The Y serves over 15,000 youth and teens in swim lessons, accredited day camp, instructional sports, state licensed preschool and afterschool, Teen Leaders, and wellness programs in the county. We are excited about the partnership with the County and looking forward to helping kids engage in their community.”

The program is seeking applicants for the 2009-2010 school year and is open to any student who is a Boone County resident and will be a junior during the upcoming school year. The program requires a commitment of approximately one (1) activity per month during the months of July 2009 through April 2010. Leadership and service-learning activities occur during the school day and after school hours.

There is no cost for this program as BCYC has received generous financial support from Citigroup and staff support from Boone County and the R.C. Durr YMCA.

If you are interested, please email Kirk Kavanaugh, Boone County Human Services Director, at: kkavanaugh@boonecountyky.org or call at (859) 334-2188 for further information. You can print a copy of the application on-line by clicking here or visiting the RC Durr YMCA website (www.MyY.org). All applications must be received by Monday, June 1, at 4:30p.m.