

Summer 2015



Dear YAC member,

It's that time of year again; our YAC season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to beginning our 2015-2016 year, and hope that you have considered being involved again this year. Our overnight YAC retreat will take place at the BCEC Building @ 231. S. Broadway Hastings MI on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This retreat will be composed of many exciting and fun activities, like a bonfire, live entertainment, and of course, Human Foosball.

For anyone who may not know me, my name is Braedon Halle, I am an incoming senior at Thornapple Kellogg High School. I have had the incredible opportunity to work as the Barry Community Foundation YAC intern this year and have had the help of another Thornapple Kellogg Representative Justin Sydloski. Together as a team we are working hard to tackle the YAC annual report, this falls Roof Sit event as well as putting the finishing touches on this year's retreat. If you have any questions or things you would like to see changed about YAC feel free to contact either one of us. We are always open to improving our YAC and making changes for the greater good!

We hope to see you at the YAC retreat! For updates on events and other things involving YAC, like the Facebook page: "The Youth Advisory Council of Barry County", or call the Barry Community Foundation at (269)945-0526 and ask for Annie. You can also contact me personally with any questions you may have at (269)915-1552. Please take the time to review and complete the attached documents. You may send them by email or regular mail to Annie Halle.

The Youth Advisory Council  
C/o Annie Halle  
231 S. Broadway, Hastings, MI 49058.

E Mail: [annie@barrycf.org](mailto:annie@barrycf.org)

Sincerely,

Braedon Halle; YAC intern 2015



## Barry Community Youth Advisory Council Member Contract

I understand that my appointment to the Youth Advisory Council is not only an honor but also a responsibility. As a member, I will work toward achieving these goals:

- Identify problems teenagers are facing.
- Suggest solutions to these problems.
- Work toward solving these problems
- Provide information about the Youth Advisory Council in my school, church, and other organizations in which I am involved.
- Represent a cross-section of diverse interests and activities.
- Impact the adult community by showing that teens can be the source of solutions.
- Increase awareness of youth issues in the adult community.
- Gain leadership experience.
- Gain friendships and contacts from other school areas.

In addition, I will attend meetings, work on Youth Advisory Council projects, serve on selected committees, and be a spokesperson for the Youth Advisory Council and its efforts to get young people involved in meaningful community service projects.

I will treat grant discussions as **confidential**, and agree that it is the responsibility of the Barry Community Foundation staff to notify the applicants of our decisions.

I also realize that it is my responsibility to represent youth of Barry County in a positive manner. Should I fail to do this, by requiring disciplinary action in some form (by law enforcement or school officials,) my commitment to the Youth Advisory Council may be reevaluated.

Finally, I realize that if I have two absences from Council meetings I may temporarily lose my voting privileges on the Board (if applicable). If my absences are **unexcused** (if I do not call to excuse myself), my commitment to the Youth Advisory Council may be questioned.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Barry Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council Waiver and Release of Liability**

In consideration of the opportunity to attend all 2015-2016 events sponsored by the Barry Community Foundation and the Youth Advisory Council. The undersigned Youth Advisory Council member (YAC member) and the undersigned parent or legal guardian waives, releases and agrees to hold harmless the Barry Community Foundation and their respective agents, officers, board members, representatives, employees and volunteers (the "releases") from any liability to the undersigned and the personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and family of the undersigned, for all loss or damages on account of injury to the person or property of the undersigned YAC member relating to attendance at the event or transportation to or from the event.

The undersigned have read the waiver and release and voluntarily sign.

The undersigned YAC member represents and warrants that he or she is at least 18 years of age or that the undersigned YAC member's parent or legal guardian has signed below.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental Consent/Waiver Release of Liability

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the event as described above and I further agree to all the terms of the waiver and release of liability stated herein.

Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement: In the space provided below, please write a Personal explaining why YAC is important to you. Note: This does not have to be an essay, but please make it your own words. We want to know what YOU think of YAC. (If you need a hard copy of this please contact me).**