



YOUTH UNITED

Leadership and Community Engagement for 9-12 grade students

Students,

We are thrilled to have you join our first youth engagement group, Youth United! We're looking forward to an amazing year ahead as we connect with our community through volunteering.

After our launch in August, we will be scheduling group discussions about leadership via GroupMe. We will add each of you to the chat, and we have invited parents and staff to join if they choose. We do require that each student engage in the bi-weekly discussions to participate in the volunteer opportunities. Our hope is that you learn more about yourself and your community!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our commitment to fostering personal growth, leadership, and community engagement, we are excited to announce an opportunity for your child to participate in Youth United!

Youth United is a dynamic program that empowers young individuals to make a positive impact in their communities. Through service projects, workshops, and collaborative initiatives, participants develop essential life skills, build lasting friendships, and contribute to meaningful causes.

Thank you for supporting your child's growth and development. We look forward to an exciting and impactful Youth United experience!



We can't wait to see you!

PROGRAM DETAILS

Participating Schools: CSLA, Brainerd High School, Hixson High School

Location: Chosen volunteer activities will take place at various nonprofit agencies.

Time Commitment: The program will launch in August 2024, with four in-person activity sessions during the school year.

Volunteer Activity: For the launch on August 29th, students will be making back-to-school kits to benefit The Bethlehem Center. Students will research the nonprofit prior to each activity session. Activities can include packing snack packs, building hygiene kits, or outdoor beautification, based on the researched needs of that nonprofit.

GroupMe: Students will be invited to join a private GroupMe text group as our means of communication. Faculty and parents are also welcome to join.

Student-Led Newsletter: Students will work with United Way of Greater Chattanooga's marketing team to create a quarterly newsletter to showcase their research, volunteer activity, and leadership skills learned throughout the program. This newsletter will go to students, parents, and faculty.

WHY YOUTH UNITED?

Leadership Development: Participants will enhance their leadership skills through hands-on experiences and mentorship.

Community Service: Engaging in service projects allows students to give back and create positive change.

Networking: Youth United provides a platform for networking with peers who share similar interests and values.

Permission Request: We kindly request your permission for your child to participate in Youth United. Your consent is essential for their involvement in this enriching program. Please review the details above and complete the attached permission form.

Safety Measures:

- Our team prioritizes safety and adheres to all necessary protocols.
- Adult supervision will be provided during all activities.
- Emergency contact information will be readily available.

1 Review the program details.

NEXT STEPS
2 Complete the attached permission form.

3 Return the form to Natalie Patric.

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student Information:

Student Name:

Grade/Class:

Date of Birth:

Phone Number:

Email:

Activity Details:

Activity Name: Youth United

Date(s) of Activity: August 29th, November 21st, January 20th, March 22nd

Location: Various

Purpose/Objective of the Activity:

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Parent/Guardian Consent:

I, _____ the undersigned parent/guardian of the above-named student, hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the mentioned activities. I acknowledge the risks involved and agree to abide by the safety guidelines set by the school.

Signature

Printed

Date

Emergency Contact Information:

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PHOTOGRAPHIC & VIDEO RELEASE

This release has been given in consideration of the services and facilities furnished to me by an agency of the United Way of Greater Chattanooga. I also want to assist in the charitable work of United Way of Greater Chattanooga, United Way of America, United Way Worldwide and the member organizations of all of them. I consent to the use by all of them of the photographs or video described below for advertising, publicity and fundraising purposes. They may also use oral or written descriptions of their choosing to accompany the photographs. I waive all claims for any compensation or damages for such use from them or from any individual, partnership or corporation employed or otherwise engaged by any of them. This waiver applies to the taking, developing, editing, producing and showing of photographs or videos and the creation of any oral or written descriptions used in connection with them.

Date of signature:

Description of photographs or video:

Signature of person photographed (if adult):

Print name of person photographed:

Print name of minor photographed:

Signature of parent or guardian:
(if signing for minor)

Print name of parent or guardian:

Address:

Witnessed by:

Separate releases must be signed by each adult and by a parent or guardian of each minor appearing in a photograph.

Use the space below for the circumstances of each picture, titles, locale and other identifying data: