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INVEST IN THE YOUTH OF YOUR COMMUNITY BE A CHAMPION FOR KIDS

Dear Community Supporter,

For 65 years, residents of the Berkley School District community have benefited from the many programs offered by Youth Assistance. Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance is a community-based program whose mission is to strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement. Youth Assistance initiatives are supported by a unique tri-sponsorship agreement between the Oakland County Circuit Court, the Berkley School District, and the cities of Berkley and Huntington Woods. We also rely on the resources of individual sponsors, community organizations, and generous local businesses to support our programs.

2024 has been an exciting year. Our Summer Camp Experiences included a **"Middle School Book Club"**, which we plan to continue during the school year; a **"Little Yogi's Yoga Camp"** event; several **Camp and Skillbuilding** opportunities for youth; and a **"Boredom Buster: Camp in a Bag"** full of activities for about 150 elementary age youth. We honored 28 youth at our **"Youth Recognition Ceremony"**. We recognized 4 High School seniors with a **"Mel Ross Scholarship"**, as we have done since 1998. We provided **"Back to School"** packets to principals and school social workers to distribute as needed, with wonderful support from Vibe Credit Union in Berkley. We joined the 44th and 45th District Courts to help families learn about the legal system and consequences of breaking the law through the **"Discover Justice"** program. And we hosted the movie **"Screenagers: Elementary School Edition"** to open the dialogue between parents and their children regarding social media challenges.

We recently held an annual meeting for many of our sponsors. You can see the presentation by using this link: [2024 Annual Report](#)

It is the support of all of you that allows us to continue these programs. We hope that you will consider a tax-deductible donation to Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance. Your donation, in whatever amount you can give, is greatly appreciated. Since our programs are administered by volunteers, 100% of your donation will benefit children and families in our local community. **Investing in the youth of our community is the best investment we can make.**

Strengthening Families Through Community Involvement Since 1959

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Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance volunteers provide a variety of programs aimed at family education and the prevention of juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect. For further information, call our caseworker, Tricia Delude, at (248) 837-8229.

If you are considering a donation with a credit card, we suggest using the Paypal Giving Fund. With the Giving Fund, Paypal always waives all fees for donations. Please remember to leave your name. Details are on the "donate" page on our website.

Thank you,

Kelley Smith

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Chairperson

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Vice Chairperson

Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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Or donate thru our website at <https://www.bhwya.org/donate>