



December, 2023

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

Dear Community Supporter,

For over 60 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 prevent and reduce delinquency, neglect, and abuse 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.

2023 has been an exciting year. We started with a **"Family Craft and Conversation Bag"** for families on Valentine's Day. While we continued to provide **Summer Camp Experiences** to several youth this summer, we expanded our outreach to families with a **"Summer Kindness Bag"** full of activities for 186 elementary age youth and 30 teens. We also offered **Skillbuilding scholarships** to several students. We honored 26 youth at our **Youth Recognition Ceremony** held at Berkley High School. 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. And we will soon introduce **"Wellness Wednesdays"**, a program for families to be held at Angell Elementary early next year. Watch our website and Facebook page for more details.

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**

Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance  
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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 (248) 837-8229. We have a new caseworker, Tricia Delude, and she is looking forward to meeting our community.

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*

Kelley Smith  
Chairperson

*Shirley Vettrainso*

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Vice Chairperson

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Please mail to:  
Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance  
3205 Catalpa, Room 117  
Berkley, MI 48072

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