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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FROM: Youth Commission

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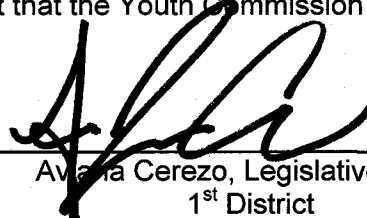
SUBJECT: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2009-2010 term, as required by resolution 98-032 and the Youth Commission By-Laws (Article XIII).

JUSTIFICATION: In its role to initiate and support projects and services involving young people in Riverside County, the Youth Commission provides advice, assistance and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and all County Department heads. The Youth Commission works to anticipate the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the youth of Riverside County, and works to ensure the coordination of community resources to improve the quality of life for all its youth.

One of the directives of the Board of Supervisors is the requirement to submit an annual report. This report is designed to be a compilation of the activities and accomplishments of the Youth Commission and its comprising five Youth Advisory Councils.

The Commission and Youth Advisory Councils wish to thank the Board of Supervisors for their continued support, insight and commitment by appointing the Commission to advise the Board on issues directly affecting youth. We are confident that the Youth Commission will continue to be a voice for the youth in Riverside County.



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The seal is circular with a dotted border. The outer ring contains the text "COUNTY of RIVERSIDE" at the top and "Youth Commission • Youth Advisory Council" at the bottom. Inside the ring, there are two stars and a central illustration of two children holding hands. One child is taller and wearing a hat, while the other is shorter. A vertical line is drawn to the right of the text, separating the title from the term year.

Riverside County
Youth Commission

2009-2010
Term Year

Annual Report

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**

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Listed below are key projects that the Youth Commission of 2009-2010 accomplished throughout the year. The Commission would also like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **12th Annual Youth Retreat-July 2009**

This year's Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held in Desert Hot Springs with John Vandenberg as key note speaker. John focused on building leadership, communication and team building skills. Council members also participated in a jeopardy game which quizzed them on the Brown Act, the Youth Laws Booklet and the rules and regulations of the Youth Commission. Youth Advisory Council members also had a chance to discuss ideas for the upcoming Youth Summit.

- **"Stuff the Bus," Operation SafeHouse-August 2009**

Each year, Operation SafeHouse shelters more than 600 teens in need of a safe place to stay. The house provides emergency shelter, intervention and outreach services to youth in crisis. By providing a warm caring environment, youth can address their problems and are offered positive alternatives to becoming victims of the streets. Like many other nonprofits, the organization has been facing decreases in donations and grants while needs are increasing. In response, SafeHouse and Riverside Transit Agency, a partner agency, brainstormed ways to meet those needs. RTA suggested "Stuff the Bus" this event drove buses around downtown Riverside to gather donations of pillows, blankets, bathroom tissue, paper towels, toothbrushes, cleaning supplies and food. From Monday, July 13 through Thursday, August 13, the Riverside County Youth Commission hosted a drive to directly support Operation SafeHouse's "Stuff the Bus." The Youth Commission was able to collect a total of 3,594 items from the community.

- **10th Annual Youth In Government Day-October 2009**

The youth engaged in the 10th Annual Youth in Government Day. The event provided a unique learning opportunity where participants were matched with County of Riverside employees. Each youth shadowed an employee for the day to learn and understand the importance of local government inter-workings and to become familiar with the wide array of occupational opportunities that the County offers. YAC members expressed the educational significance of this event and urged that this project continues in operation. A few examples of participating departments included: Superior Court, Public Defender, Flood Control, Animal Services, Fire Department and the Board of Supervisors.

- **10th Annual Youth Summit-March 2010**

On Thursday, March 11, 2010, Riverside County's Youth Commission held their Tenth Annual Partnership Summit with Inland Empire Health Plan (I.E.H.P.), entitled: "Going Healthy: It's All About You" at the Doral Desert Princess Resort & Spa in Cathedral City. Volunteers assisted in distributing materials, coordinating participants and providing support during the event. Student participants were given the opportunity to enjoy workshops focusing on internet safety, prescription drug abuse and depression and suicide. They also listened to a personal testimony, "My Life Story," from Mr. Truax, chairman of Riverside Recovery Resources. The ultimate goal of the Youth Summit was to discuss and educate in problematic areas affecting youth. Participants were challenged to participate in an essay contest in attempt to decipher what motivates and what hinders students from going for routine check-ups. Kyle Green was awarded 1st place and a \$1,000 scholarship; Abby Villeneuve was awarded 2nd place and a \$500 scholarship; Joshua Flores was awarded 3rd place and a \$250 scholarship. Ideas from these winning essays and other submitted essays were used to create a Billboard to be posted throughout Riverside County.

- **Public Service Announcement-May 2010**

As a result of the Youth Retreat, each Youth Advisory Council was challenged to develop a theme and slogan for the Youth Commission's second Public Service Announcement in hopes of encouraging teens to make smart decisions to benefit their personal health. The following message was recorded, in both English and Spanish, to be aired by local radio stations throughout the County of Riverside.

Commissioner 1: Maybe we're over thinking this.

Commissioner 2: Personal health is a no-brainer.

Commissioner 3: Eat right, sleep right, and drink right.

Commissioner 4: Live responsibly!

Commissioner 5: Brought to you by the Youth Commission of Riverside County.

Persona 1: Estamos pensando de más.

Persona 2: La salud no es tan difícil.

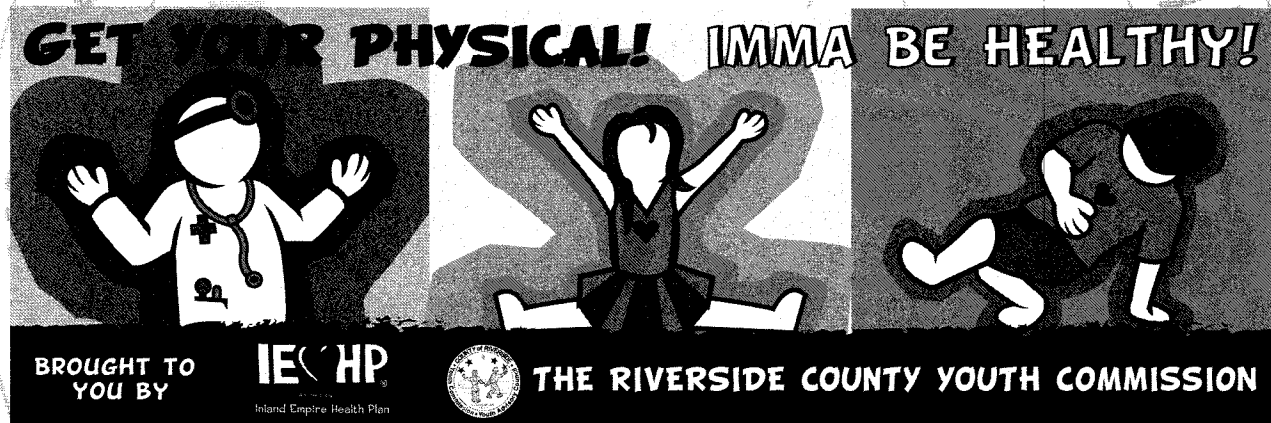
Persona 1: “¡Hay que comer, dormir y beber bien!”

Persona 2: ¡Vive responsablemente!

Persona 1: Presentado por la comisión de jóvenes del Condado de Riverside.

- **Billboard Project-May 2010**

In collaboration with Inland Empire Health Plan for the 10th Annual Youth Summit, various billboard project ideas were created to target youth within Riverside County and to encourage them to go get their preventative health screens on a regular basis. Ideas from the Youth Summit's essay contest were used to create a billboard on the topic of preventative health screens for teens. The billboard proof below was selected for the Commission billboard project. The billboard will be placed somewhere in Riverside County during the summer season.



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRST DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
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The Youth Advisory Council is a representative student body from the high schools in the First District of Riverside County. High Schools that are located within the First District include: Alvord, Arlington, California Lutheran, Citrus Hill, Corner Stone Christian, Elsinore, John W. North, Lakeside, La Sierra, Lincoln, Linfield Christian, Martin Luther King, Norte Vista, Notre Dame, Ortega, Poly, Riverside Christian, Sherman Indian, Temescal Canyon, and Woodcrest Christian High School.

Listed below are key projects that the Youth Advisory Council of 2009-2010 accomplished throughout the year. The council would also like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **Mead Valley Fair-June 2009**

The Council volunteered their services at the Mead Valley Fair. This event was geared towards community building. It also provided information regarding voter registration, arts and crafts for kids and live entertainment. YAC members helped volunteers set up booths and assisted with arts and crafts.

- **Environmental Car-Wash-July 2009**

The Council volunteered their services to host a Car-Wash at Mead Valley's community center. Proceeds went towards a future, clean-up.

- **Temescal Valley Faire-September 2009**

The Council volunteered their services at the Annual Temescal Valley Community Faire. Council members monitored activities for children throughout the day. In addition, they passed out raffle tickets, sodas and checked in participants and volunteers. Supervisor Bob Buster provided a speech at the event.

- **Santa Ana River Watershed Clean Up-October 2009**

The Council members volunteered their time to host three booths at the clean-up. At the first booth, participants were given the opportunity to decorate reusable shopping bags in order to promote less plastic bag usage. The second booth featured "Enviro-Wiz," a game seeking the most environmentally conscious participant at the event.

Prizes and reusable shopping bags, filled with goodies, were given to the players. A few of the topics included water conservation, energy and sustainability. The third booth provided information about the council and sought new council members.

- **Book Drive and Celebration of Children Literacy Event-October 2009**

First District Youth Advisory Council sought to collect new children's books to give out at Riverside County Volunteer Center's "Celebration of Children" event held in Riverside. Donation boxes were placed at the following 1st District libraries: Lake Elsinore County Library, Lakeside County Library, Mission Trail County Library, and Wood Crest County Library. Boxes were additionally placed at First District's office in Wildomar and Mead Valley's Community Center, and council members placed boxes at schools and at parents' job-sites. Further, council members handed out flyers in order to generate more donations. A sum of 558 books was collected from throughout First District.

- **Celebration of Children Day Event-October 2009**

First District Council members volunteered their services at Riverside County Volunteer Center's by various youth centered organizations that would be in attendance at this event. Council members also helped decorate, set up tables and chairs, and assisted face painting. YAC members felt gratified seeing the children receive the books that they helped collect. Overall council members felt it was a great event.

- **Lakeland Village Clean-up-November 2009**

YAC members facilitated residents to the correct Waste Management Truck where they could drop-off their unwanted waste. Council members were provided with a free BBQ lunch for their assistance.

- **Canned Food Drive-November 2009-December 2009**

The Council enacted a food drive in an effort to help the less fortunate during the holiday season. The drive proceeded for a month. Donation boxes were placed at the following locations: 1st Floor of the Riverside County building, Lake Elsinore Sherriff Station, Mead Valley Community Complex Center, First District's Wildomar Office, Riverside County DPSS and Woodcrest County Library. YAC members also participated in various activities during this month. Thanks to those efforts and the donations received from the donation sites, First District council members successfully collected a total of 498 non-perishable food items. These items were donated to the non-profit "Helping Our People of Lake Elsinore" (H.O.P.E) for distribution to the homeless in the Lake Elsinore and Lakeland Village area.

- **Scavenger Hunt-November 2009**

Council members went door to door in the Orangecrest area seeking donations from families.

- **Passing out fliers at Stater Bros-November 2009**

Council members stood outside Stater Bros passing out fliers to shoppers hoping that they would keep their drive in mind while they did their shopping.

- **Mead Valley's Breakfast With Santa and His Elves-December 2009**

The 3rd Annual Mead Valley Breakfast with Santa and His Elves event was held on December 12, 2009. On this day, Mead Valley families enjoyed a complimentary breakfast meal. Once the participants were finished eating, children were able to take a picture with Santa and then made arts and crafts in "Santa's Workshop." YAC members were wearing elf hats while assisting the community's youth. Council members had a terrific time helping out at this event. A total of 478 Mead Valley residents attended this event along with an honored visit from Supervisor Buster. This year we had 57 volunteers from the following agencies: Mead Valley community volunteers, Riverside County DPSS, Tomas Rivera Middle School, Boy Scout troop members, Riverside County EDA, Mead Valley MAC members, Mead Valley YLP, Supervisor, Mead Valley's Fire Station, Perris Sheriff Station and Mead Valley's Code Enforcement.

- **Potluck at Operation Safe House-January 2010**

Council members each brought items of food such as salad, pizza and brownies to share with SafeHouse members. After they ate lunch, council members played spoons, basketball and got to know each other by sharing school and family experiences. Council members really enjoyed this event and would love to come again soon. They also expressed that 'these students are just like you and me; they are just going through a lot.' The YAC was awarded a free pass to Disneyland through their volunteer service in participating in Disneyland's "Give a Day, Get a Day" program.

- **Valentine's Project -February 2010**

In the spirit of Valentines, YAC members decided to do another service Operation SafeHouse. They decided to hand create Valentine's Day cards with special messages and hand deliver them to the students on Friday, February 13. Staff and students were greatly touched by the Council's thoughtfulness and care.

- **East Side Egg Hunt-March 2010**

The First District Youth Advisory Council coordinated with the City of Riverside and Riverside Volunteer Services to host a community egg hunt. YAC members assisted decorations, directing and supervising children and clean-up. YAC members greatly enjoyed working with the youth.

- **Helping Our People of Lake Elsinore (H.O.P.E.) Car-Wash-May 2010**

The council coordinated a car-wash in Lake Elsinore to raise funds for H.O.P.E. During the fiscal year 2009-2010, this organization will distribute over 500,000 pantry meals to low-income members of the community. H.O.P.E. assists over 1,200 families, or 4,000 individuals a month; 48% of those helped are below 18 years of age. Rising needs and diminishing donations of food and money inspired the council to volunteer their time to address poverty within their district. Forty non-perishable food items and \$221.50 was raised. Members of the community and staff from H.O.P.E. were impressed by the council's dedication to their community and helping others.

- **Inaugural Backyard Bash-May 2010**

First District's YAC provided information to youth participants regarding the council in an effort to recruit members for the upcoming council term.

- **5th Annual Path to Success Tour-May 2010**

YAC members coordinated the 5th Annual "Path to Success Tour" on Saturday, May 22. Ninety participants attended this year in addition to eleven YAC members. The participants were given the opportunity to tour Riverside Community College (RCC) and the University of California, Riverside (UCR). While at RCC, students were provided breakfast, went on a 30 minute tour of the campus and listened to a presentation by Tony Ortiz regarding community college and the benefits that come with attending such an institution. While at UCR, participants went on a 60 minute tour of the campus, heard a 45 minute presentation from an admissions counselor, dined at Lothian's residence hall, toured a hall of rooms in Pentland's residence hall, participated in interactive activities with council members and heard a panel from First District's Youth Advisory Council regarding the college application process. Students also received a resource bag filled with youth centered information. YAC members were successful in encouraging early college preparation among eighth and ninth grade students through this program.

- **Recruitment-May 2010-June 2010**

Recruitment for the First District Youth Advisory Council is ongoing through the end of the term and summer. Council members provided contact information of students they recommended for next year's council. Youth Advisory Council members were asked to bring potential applicants to projects and meetings during the end of the term. During recruitment, the council is promoted through the media, letters to school officials and word of mouth. We would really like to consider advertisement through the Youth Commission Web-site once it is launched.

- **Outdoor Senior Fair & BBQ-June 2010**

First District Youth Advisory Council members helped out at the Wildomar Senior Living Community. YAC supervised a booth for First District and advertising the council. Other council members assisted by hosting other booths and lunch crowd control.

- **End of Year Celebration-June 2010**

Youth Advisory Council members hosted their end of the year celebration at Disneyland as a closure to the 2009-2010 YAC term during this month. Council members were congratulated for their efforts in formulating a successful year, presented an award and provided breakfast, lunch and dinner.

-----Summary of the Year -----

Goals for the 2009-2010 YAC term: **PLEASE!** We vow to **Provide Leadership, Encouragement, Aid, and a Safe Environment** for youth and the community of Riverside.

P/L) Providing Leadership to youth and community of Riverside

- Environmental Car-Wash-July 2009
- Summer Retreat-July 2009
- Santa Ana River Watershed Clean Up-October 2009
- Youth In Government Day-October 2009
- Lakeland Village Clean-up-November 2009
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- 10th Annual Youth Summit- March 2010
- East Side Egg Hunt-March 2010
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E) Encouraging youth and community of Riverside

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A) Aiding youth and community of Riverside

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S/E) Providing a Safe Environment to youth and community of Riverside

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- 10th Annual Youth Summit- March 2010

-----Did the council accomplish their goals? -----

Overall YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their goals for the year.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SECOND DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
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The Second District Youth Advisory Council is a representative student body from the high schools in the Second District of Riverside County. High Schools in the second district include: *Buena Vista, Centennial, Centennial Vista, Corona, Corona-Norco, Corona-Norco Adult, Corona Vista, Orange Grove High School, Norco, Centennial, Santiago, Jurupa Valley, Rubidoux, Patriot, Nueva Vista, Rio Vista, Abraham Lincoln, and Ramona High School.*

In order to achieve our three 2009-2010 goals, the council was divided up into three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals. The three main goals for the year were as follows: Assisting the animals of Riverside County, working within our district in various community projects, and developing ways to improve our local environment.

- **H.E.L.P.–September 2009**

The Youth Advisory Council members were very excited to have an opportunity to participate in a variety of projects that pertained especially to the people of our community. Within the committee H.E.L.P. members planned activities to assist teens at Operation Safe House, senior citizens of the community, and less fortunate families during the holidays. This committee was extremely dedicated to helping the people of the Second District.

- **A.N.I.M.A.L.-September 2009**

Several members of the Youth Advisory Council felt passionate towards involvement and volunteerism to help with the needs of animals. The A.N.I.M.A.L committee worked closely with the Department of Animal Services to fundraise and gather supplies to aid the animals of the Second District.

- **Free Love–September 2009**

The Youth advisory council members were also interested in assisting non-profit organizations during the 2009-2010 term year. The committee set a goal to volunteer at local non-profit organization community events within the Second District. In addition, the committee also worked diligently to coordinate events and projects to benefit the local environment.

Listed are the key projects the 2009-2010 Second District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year. The Second District YAC would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

- **Mayor's Ball for the Arts-September 2009**

YAC members participated in attending and assisting at an event to benefit local arts and cultural organizations located in Riverside. During the event volunteers enjoyed setting up the event and monitoring the silent auction. Each volunteer felt the event was successful and enjoyed being in a formal fundraising event.

- **American Heart Association Heart Walk-September 2009**

In September council members were able to volunteer at the American Heart Association Heart Walk in Riverside. Volunteers helped distribute water to participants, and also provided support in setting up and tearing down community vendors that were at the event. The event provided an opportunity for the Free Love committee to attain one of their committee goals in working closely to provide support for local non-profit organizations.

- **Supervisor Tavaglione's Columbus Day Event-September 2009**

Council members volunteer their time to help check in guests at the Columbus Day Event that was held at the Fender Center in Corona. Volunteers enjoyed the dinner and entertainment of the event and also enjoyed being able to provide support to the Supervisor.

- **Corona Business Expo-October 2009**

Volunteers assisted vendors set up for the 2009 Corona Business Expo hosted by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers helped the various businesses in setting up and tearing down their display for the expo. This event provided for an opportunity for YAC members to network with local organizations and business leaders in the Second District, while also providing support to the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

- **Ghost Walk-October 2009**

The Ghost Walk is an annual event hosted by the Riverside Ballet Company. The event provides an chance for participants to see many of the historic buildings of Riverside, through a guided ghost tour. During the event volunteers assisted around the children's play area by organizing games and helping with crafts. The council really enjoyed being a part of the large scale event and would like to participate again next year.

- **Operation SafeHouse Cream & Chill Social–October 2009**

During the Cream & Chill Social volunteers visited Operation SafeHouse and provided ice cream to the kids that were at the SafeHouse. The event provided for a unique opportunity to interact and socialize with teens at the facility. The council really enjoyed this event and felt empowered by providing support and encouragement to kids in crisis.

- **Thanksgiving Baskets–November 2009**

H.E.L.P. committee focused on creating thanksgiving baskets for three less fortunate families in the Riverside County. The HELP committee worked diligently to secure donations for many of the items that were included, and were also able to obtain gift cards for the Turkey. The baskets were completely full with all of the necessary items for an enjoyable Thanksgiving dinner including apple cider, turkey gift cards, potatoes, pumpkin pie, fruit salad, and eating utensils. All three families were grateful for the baskets and members were exceptionally happy to do something nice for those less fortunate in the community.

- **Festival of the Lights Lighting Ceremony–November 2009**

Council members volunteered at the annual Festival of the Lights Lighting Ceremony at the Mission Inn. During the event, volunteers assisted by providing support as needed throughout the event. Volunteers enjoyed working at the largely attended event, and felt that it was an enjoyable experience.

- **Animal Fundraiser at Islands–November 2009**

The ANIMAL Committee felt that it was important to try to fundraise for the Riverside County Department of Animal Services and therefore they coordinated an Islands Fundraiser. During the one day fundraiser, council members distributed flyers to people in the Riverside Plaza and also encouraged their friends and family to eat dinner for a good cause. The fundraiser was a huge success which led to a donation of \$260 to the department.

- **Senior Sweet Heart Social–February 2010**

Our most memorable event each year is undoubtedly our annual Sweet Heart Social. During our Annual Sweet Heart Social, council members plan and coordinate a variety of events for the senior community to participate in. Senior participants are served a delicious meal by the council members while enjoying the tunes of local talent including barber shop singers and songs on the piano. During the latter part of the event the senior participants receive a hand made Valentine's Day card and a

Polaroid photo of themselves with one of the council members. In addition, a wide variety of gifts and goodies are distributed during the bingo games. This was a successful event that brought the elderly citizens of the community and the Youth Council together.

- **Bring a Friend Recruitment–February 2010**

At the February 23, 2010 meeting, YAC members were encouraged to bring a potential member for the 2010-2011 term. Members were also asked to recruit friends and family members to join the council for the upcoming term. Applications were accepted within the months of March and April.

- **Safety Expo– February 2010**

Youth Council participants had the opportunity to volunteer at a local Safety Expo in the Corona area. This event sought to teach local community members about the required steps in adequately preparing for unexpected events including earthquakes, and fires. Council members assisted by checking in the vendors for the event and by delivering water and lunch to the vendors during the day. The Safety Expo provided a great resource for the local community, and council members played an important role by providing support around the event.

- **Vernola Park Grand Opening Ceremony–March 2010**

In March, volunteers provided support at the Grand Opening of the Vernola Park in Rubidoux. Volunteers helped to direct the constituents that attended the event, and also helped in providing support during the Grand Opening Ceremony.

- **Cold Stone Fundraiser-March 2010**

The HELP committee organized a fundraiser at Cold Stone Creamery in Riverside in hopes of gaining funds to donate to the new Rubidoux Library. Council Members members were encouraged to attend and to pass out flyers and encourage people to eat Ice cream for a good cause in order to make the event a success.

- **Teen Expo–April 2010**

Teen Expo volunteers attended the Teen Expo event that was held at Jurupa Spectrum. During the event community members visited the expo and obtained resources including college and job information. Volunteers were in charge of managing the Second District YAC exhibitor booth at the Expo. During the event they helped to recruit new members by distributing flyers and encouraging teens to apply to join the council. The event was a tremendous success and it provided a chance to get the word out about YAC.

- **Rubidoux Library Grand Opening Ceremony–April 2010**

Members from the HELP committee volunteered at the grand opening ceremony of the Rubidoux Library. During the event volunteers assisted in setting up the ceremony and providing support during the festivities. The event was very successful and volunteers greatly enjoyed volunteering.

- **Community Clean up-April 2010**

A community clean-up was held in April for current and future council members. The event was held at Patriot High School. This event was set up to introduce future members to current council members. Future council members also got to experience an actual YAC volunteer event. During the Clean up YAC members helped to collect blow trash off of Mission Boulevard. The event a tremendous success and provided a unique opportunity for YAC to help keep their local community clean.

- **Department of Animal Services Shelter Grand Opening–May 2010**

Volunteers of the ANIMAL Committee had a unique opportunity to volunteer at the Grand Opening of the new Animal Shelter in Riverside. During this highly attended event volunteers provided support during the ceremony and helped direct guests as they entered the facility. Volunteers also coordinated a Polaroid Photo booth for newly adopted pets. Council members really enjoyed working at the Shelter Grand Opening and working closely with the Department of Animal Services.

- **Dollars for Scholars Fundraising Dinner–May 2010**

Council members had a chance to volunteer at the annual Dollars for Scholars gala at the Mission Inn. The event is an annual fundraiser that generates funds to help students in Riverside County attend college. During the event volunteers provided support by checking in and greeting guests as they entered the gala. Volunteers really enjoyed attending this event because it is an enjoyable event and because it directly benefits the youth of Riverside.

- **Corona Rotary Lobster Fest–May 2010**

Volunteers helped provide support at the Corona Rotary Lobster Fest by directing guests to their assigned table and distributing the delicious lobster dinner. Volunteers enjoyed working at the event because it was held at the Fender Museum in Corona and because they got to sample the Lobster dinner.

- **Dollars for Scholars Award Presentations–June 2010**

Council members had the distinct honor to attend the scholarship presentations at all of the schools in the Second District and present the Dollars for Scholars award to the recipients. Volunteers really enjoyed working at the awards ceremony because they were able to award much needed scholarships to many of their peers.

- **End of The Year Celebration–June 2010**

Supervisor Tavaglione honored all Second District Youth Advisory Council members by presenting certificates to each council member. In addition, Supervisor Tavaglione provided dinner for all council members at Olivia's Mexican Restaurant in Riverside. During the end of the year dinner, council members spent time celebrating their achievements with Supervisor Tavaglione and staff and providing recommendations for the next council term.

- **El Cerrito Park Grand Opening Ceremony–June 2010**

As a final event for the year volunteers attended the El Cerrito Park Grand Opening in El Cerrito. During the event they helped supervise the sport jumpers as well as the face painting activities. Volunteers enjoyed working at the event because it was very well attended.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
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The Third District Youth Advisory Council is a representative student body from the high schools in the Third District of Riverside County. High Schools in the Third District include: Hemet, Hamilton, Tahquitz, Hemet Academy for Applied Academics and Technology, West Valley, Alessandro, Helen Hunt Jackson, San Jacinto, Mountain View, Paloma Valley, Murrieta Valley, Vista Murrieta, Murrieta Mesa, Creekside, Calvary Murrieta Christian, Chaparral, Great Oak, Temecula Valley, Temecula Preparatory, Rancho Vista, and Linfield Christian High School.

Listed below are all of the 2009-2010 Third District YAC events. The council would like to thank everyone who contributed, supported, and facilitated their participation following the events:

- **Extreme Life Youth Conference-September 2009**

La Vista Prevention Services, sponsored by Supervisor Stone, hosted their third Extreme Life Conference in Temecula. The Third District Youth Advisory Council as well as the Temecula Youth Advisory Council assisted and participated in the event. The event aimed at teaching middle school children about resistance to drug use and abuse. The event offered an interactive agenda of question and answer, team building activities, and a skit. They also had a skateboarding show that was complimented by an In-N-Out lunch. The event concluded with a raffle for all participating members. The council members enjoyed the event and look forward to assisting in similar events.

- **Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods-October 2009**

The council members decided that a good way to turn a Halloween tradition into an opportunity to give back to the community would be to go trick-or-treating for canned goods instead of candy. YAC members went around the City of San Jacinto and Hemet in groups trick-or-treating for canned goods. They received an enormously positive response and were able to collect more than 200 canned goods and non-perishable items. These items were then donated to Operation SafeHouse of Riverside; staff and residents were very appreciative of the council's efforts.

- **Breakfast with Santa-December 2009**

The Economic Development Agency along with MARS hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa in December. The YAC members were invited to participate in the event. They assisted in hosting the game booths, serving breakfast, checking-in people,

greeting, and overall making the event fun. The council had a great time and is looking forward to participating next year.

- **Adopt-a-Family-December 2009**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren sought the help of the Youth Advisory Council for their annual adopt-a-family program. The council was able to single handedly raise ninety dollars to adopt four children for the holiday season. Together, they paired up into teams and went shopping at Ross to select presents to give to these children. The wrapped them up and delivered them to the Senior Center in Hemet.

- **Caroling for Canned Goods-December 2009**

A few member of the council took it upon themselves to go out and turn the holiday season of giving into a positive and productive way to contribute to the needy. In groups they went around the City of Temecula caroling for canned goods. Within a few short hours, they managed to collect over 300 canned food items, non-perishable foods, and event cash donations. These items were then donated to the Meniffee Cupboard; the money was used to buy additional gifts for needy children through the adopt-a-family program and the remaining money was reserved for the Valley Restart Dinner to be hosted in May 2010.

- **Kay Cenicerros Senior Dance Set Up-January 2010**

The Meniffee Kay Cenicerros Senior Center hosted a "Murder Mystery Dance" for the local senior citizens in January 2010. The YAC members volunteered their service to help set up for the dance. They participated in helping set up the tables, putting out the silverware, cleaning up, and decorating the main reception area.

- **Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors-January & February 2010**

The Kay Cenicerros Senior Center offers local seniors who are unable to leave their home for any reason home delivered meals. The council members felt that it would be a great idea to make these seniors a heartfelt Valentine's Day card to go inside these meals just in time for Valentine's Day. The council worked on making the cards in late January and early February. They were able to make a total of 87 cards that were given to the senior center to be delivered. The council had a great time making them.

- **Winter Festival-February 2010**

Every year, the council hosts a fun and interactive event at a local elementary school. This year, the council members hosted a Winter Festival at Record Elementary School in San Jacinto. The YAC members were able to play games, do arts and

crafts, and hand out prizes to all the children. Both the YAC members and the children had a great time! At the end of the day, everyone was treated to a tasty dessert.

- **Fundraising Bake Sale-April 2010**

The council hosted a fundraising bake sale at Valley Wide Sports & Recreation Park in San Jacinto. The proceeds were intended to go to the annual Race for Humanity as well as for the Valley Restart Shelter Dinner. The council sold everything from snacks, drinks, and even had face painting. The council raised a total of \$62.28; \$50 went to Race for Humanity, and \$12.28 that was reserved for the Valley Restart Shelter dinner to be hosted in May.

- **Race for Humanity-April 2010**

Every year, Supervisor Stone and his sister, Lori Stone, host the Race for Humanity in the Third District Area. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for local non-profit agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, All from the Heart, Michelle's Place, Boys & Girls Club, and many more. This year, the event was held at Mt. San Jacinto College in Menifee. The YAC members headed Supervisor Stone's Team, The Rolling Stones, at the event. The event had a wonderful turnout. Results of the total number of participants and monetary contributions are still pending.

- **Teen Health Challenge-May 2010**

The MFI Recovery Center invited the Youth Advisory Council to attend and help out at their first annual Teen Health Challenge-a teen health fair aimed at providing vital information to local youths. It was held at the Hemet Valley Mall on May 1st. The event offered great services, activities, prizes, and even a talent competition. The council hosted their own booth at the event used to recruit new members for the upcoming YAC year. They also assisted MFI in various activities such as setting up, handing out lunch and drinks, and breaking down. It was a successful event, and the council was able to recruit numerous prospective council members.

- **Fundraising Yard Sale-May 2010**

In order to raise money to provide the dinner for the Valley Restart Shelter, the council members collected unwanted and unused items from friends and family to sell at a yard sale. The council members took turns holding colorful signs to draw people in and were able to sell a large amount of items. They raised a total of \$265.31 at the event itself. With the previous savings, this gives a council a total of \$315.59 to be able to buy the dinner items they would like to provide for the dinner.

- **Habitat for Humanity-May 2010**

Council members teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to help “rehab” an existing home in the Menifee area. They assisted in cleaning, painting, and preparing the home for future alterations. They also had the opportunity to meet the future homeowners and felt a great sense of gratitude and accomplishment for their diligent work. The council members had a great time and hope to participate in future events.

- **Valley Restart Shelter Dinner-May 2010**

The council signed up to host a dinner at the Valley Restart Shelter, a homeless shelter, in Hemet. With the help of some of the Third District Legislative Assistants, they provided, made, and served the entire meal including the appetizers, main entrée, sides, drinks, and dessert. All the participating council members had a great time and are looking forward the next dinner.

- **Senior & Youth Wii Tournament-June 2010**

The Youth Advisory Council teamed up with the Kay Cenicerros Senior Center to hold a senior and youth Wii bowling tournament. The tournament promotes intergenerational participation, communication, and team building. The council voted to incorporate a wardrobe theme of yellow and white 1980s sports attire to surprise the seniors. They played two tournaments, each with three teams. The winners of the first and second tournament had a final tournament where the winners were awarded a grand prize. Overall, it was a very fun and exciting event.

- **David Oltman Park Clean Up-June 2010**

To help keep their community clean, the council members volunteered to host a community park clean up in the City of Hemet. They picked up trash, painted and promoted the importance of keeping their parks and communities clean.

- **End of the Year Potluck-June 2010**

The council members had an end of the year potluck to say goodbye to the graduating seniors as well as to celebrate a year of diligent and heartfelt work. The event was held at Valley Wide Recreation & Sports Park in San Jacinto. The majority of the council’s members were able to attend and had a wonderful time.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) identifies youth related concerns and issues that specifically address the fourth district. YAC is comprised of a representative student body from: La Quinta, Palo Verde, Desert Christian, Xavier Prep, and Palm Desert High Schools.

Listed are accomplishments by the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council of 2009-2010. Thank you for your continued support and dedication of youth in our county.

- **Fourth District Inaugural Meeting-September 2009**

At the first meeting for the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council, members picked three goals that they would like to work on for the year, their goals were: Help the Homeless, help in the fight against substance abuse, and to provide more activities bridging the gap between the young and elderly. Elections for the 08-09 officers took place at this meeting as well, the results were:

Coachella Valley: Brandi Lurecio- Commissioner, Jonny Rohrbaugh- Co-Commissioner, Cassandra Santimaria- Secretary, Raine Armstrong- Parliamentarian, and Briana Jakell- Youth Summit Representative.

Blythe: Dylan Walsh- Commissioner, Marysol Perez- Peralta- Co-Commissioner, Brittany Navarro- Secretary, Adam Kehl- Parliamentarian, Monica Bullock- Youth Summit Representative

- **YAC Member Recruitment-September 2009**

YAC members hosted Fourth District Youth Advisory Council recruitment boots at their schools throughout the month of September to encourage high school students to participate in the council. Through this recruitment the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council added 13 more members to it roster for the 2009-2010 term.

- **Adopt a Senior-September 2008**

YAC members went to the Blythe Senior Care Center to spend the afternoon with a Senior Citizen. YAC members played games, help write letters, and made arts and crafts with their senior friend.

- **Relay for Life at La Quinta High School-October 2009**

YAC members volunteered at Relay for Life held at La Quinta High School which is an annual fundraising event hosted by the American Cancer Society. YAC members helped out with registration, handing out T-shirts, and passed out cancer prevention literature.

- **“Trick or Treating” for Canned Goods-October 2009**

YAC members visited the Palo Verde Library to read to elementary age children. YAC members decided to have a fantasy theme for their story time and only read fantasy stories. YAC members separated into three groups and each group read two stories to the kids that attended this event.

- **Give thanks. Walk! St. Jude Children’s Hospital Fundraiser-November 2009**

YAC members volunteered and raised funds to help support the St. Jude Children’s Hospital. YAC members asked friends, family, and community members to donate and were able to successfully raise \$80 for this event. Blythe YA members participated by collecting recyclables and donated the money to St. Jude’s. During the event YAC members were route guides for the walking participants at the event, assisted with refreshments, passed out St. Jude’s literature, and greeted the participants as they crossed the finish line.

- **For the Children Toy Drive & Holiday Party-November/December 2009**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council collected over 130 toys, wrapped them and gave them to children living in foster care at their annual holiday party. In addition to providing gifts YAC members provided a cookie decorating and an arts and crafts table.

- **Game Night at Hadley Senior Center-January 2010**

YAC members hosted a game night at the Hadley Senior Living Center in La Quinta. YAC members provided pizza and drinks and played BINGO and Wii with the residents.

- **Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival Battle of the Bands-February 2010**

YAC members organized and selected 5 bands to compete for \$1,000 at the inaugural Date Festival Battle of the bands. YAC members keep the event running smoothly, assisted the judges, emcee, bands, and helped present the awards.

- **Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival High School Competition-February 2010**

YAC members organized the inaugural Date Festival High School Competition. Five High Schools located in the 4th and 5th districts competed to be the “best” high school in the desert area. YAC members selected the games, were referees, and awarded the winning school with trophies.

- **Easter Basket Supplies Drive-March 2010**

During the month of March Youth Advisory Council members hosted an Easter Basket drive to give to children at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. YAC members collected candies, baskets, plastic Easter eggs, and so much more. All of the Easter baskets were assembled and passed out to children at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission on Easter Sunday.

- **Mecca’s Day of the Child-April 2010**

On Wednesday, April 28th YAC members volunteered at the Mecca Day of the Child event. At this event many local organizations and County departments provided information and services for families and children. At this event YAC members recruited teenagers to join the Fourth District YAC, assisted with clean up, passed out information of the Riverside County Fourth District.

- **Recruitment**

Recruitment for the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council is ongoing through the end of the term and summer. Council members provided contact information of students they recommended for next year’s council. Youth Advisory Council members were asked to bring potential applicants to projects and meetings during the end of the term. Our council is promoted through the media, letters to school officials, and word of mouth

General Recommendations:

- Continue inviting Supervisor Benoit to meetings
- Continue to host innovative community service projects
- Establish better methods of communication with members
- Recruit members from all high school in the fourth district
- More presentations from community organizations
- Continue council’s positive attitude
- Hold more events with the other Youth Advisory Council Districts

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIFTH DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**

Riverside County Fifth District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2009-2010

The Youth Advisory Council is comprised of high school students who represent the youth in their district. They identify issues that directly affect the youth and collectively search for solutions. The 5th District includes the cities and unincorporated areas of Moreno Valley, Perris, Calimesa, Beaumont, Banning, Desert Hot Springs, North Palm Springs, Nuevo, Lakeview, Juniper Flats, Good Hope, Romoland, Homeland, Green Acres, Highgrove, Box Springs, Pigeon Pass, Reche Canyon, San Timoteo Canyon, Oak Valley, Cherry Valley, Banning Bench, and Cabazon.

For the 2009-2010 council year, the 5th District established three main goals that were to be reached by the end of the term. The three main goals are listed as follows:

- **Assisting the local community through volunteer involvement**
- **Increasing public awareness in beneficial environmental activities**
- **Focusing on today's youth through mentoring and sponsoring events**

Listed are the key projects the 5th District Youth Advisory Council of 2009-2010 accomplished throughout the year. We thank you for your continued support and dedication to the youth in our county.

- **2nd Annual Riverside County Neighborhood Conference-October 2009**

This event was held at Heritage High School on October 17th to inform Riverside County's youth about the various aspects of code enforcement and taught them different services that are available to them. There were inspirational speakers and free food as well. The Youth Advisory Council helped to make the day run smoothly and helped with the student activities.

- **Family Service Association Harvest Costume Ball- October 2009**

On October 29th the Norton YoungLove Community Center in Highgrove hosted their annual Harvest Costume Ball. This was an event where the local community could come out, bring their children, and get candy for playing games and taking part in the entertainment. There was also a costume contest for the various age groups. The Youth Advisory Council volunteered to help with the activities, serve the food, and assist where necessary.

- **Carol's Kitchen- November 2009**

The Youth Advisory Council volunteered their time to Carol's Kitchen on November 23rd and 24th for their Thanksgiving celebration. Their duties consisted of serving the homeless and less fortunate of the area lunch, cleaning up after them, and socializing with them. It was a day to make others feel that they have not been forgotten by other local residents, and that the community is there to help them. The council really enjoyed this event, and looks forward to doing it again in the future.

- **Twin Pines Ranch- December 2009**

Council members attended the annual Christmas celebration at Twin Pines Ranch on Saturday, December 5th; an event sponsored by the Riverside County Blue Knights, Supervisor Marion Ashley, and Supervisor Jeff Stone. The Ranch is a residential boot camp for young men from the ages of 15-18. This juvenile detention facility is designed to give these boys the opportunity to learn skills that will assist them once their term has been served. During the festivities, the Youth Advisory Council members mingled with the young men and handed out Christmas gifts to them as well. Gifts were donated items that included warm blankets, personal hygiene items, books, and many other items as well. The council members enjoyed going to Twin Pines Ranch and think it is a good experience for both them and the cadets.

- **Family Service Association Christmas Party- December 2009**

The Norton YoungLove Community Center hosted their annual Christmas Party on December 11th. There were games which were created by local students and organizations that the community could play and enjoy. There was also a Santa Clause and a movie playing. The council assisted by helping run the games and serving food. The council enjoys bringing joy and entertainment to the local community while making a difference.

- **Clothing Drive- January 2010**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council decided to do a clothing drive for those less fortunate than them. They know many local residents have been struggling through the hard economic times, and decided that a way that they can help is by donating clothing items to those in need. It was something that they suggested they do at the beginning of the term year, and they were more than delighted to donate clothing that they no longer had use for.

- **Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner- February 2010**

The Youth Advisory Council volunteered their time to help the Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce with their annual officer installation dinner. The council helped set up, signed in attendees, served food, and helped clean up afterward. This was a long and busy night, but the students overall enjoyed helping out and making everything run smoothly.

- **Romoland Community Clean-up- March 2010**

Riverside County Code Enforcement had a Community Clean-Up on March 6th at Romoland Elementary School. This event was for local residents to come and dump unwanted trash that cannot be put into regular trash bins at no cost. It is part of the County's beautification efforts as well as a helpful service to its residents. The council felt good about helping the community keep the county beautiful, even if it was exhausting work.

- **Teen Talk: A Town Hall Event- April 2010**

This event was held April 24th at Valley View High School by the Youth Advisory Council and the Perris Valley Recovery Program. It was an informative event that spread awareness of April as Alcohol Awareness Month, and taught high school students the effects of underage drinking. We had speakers from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Moreno Valley Police Department, as well as a question and answer panel for the students. The council felt that the students in attendance learned a lot and that the program was kept interesting. They look forward to hosting this event again.

- **Recruitment- May 2010**

Recruitment for the 2010-2011 term began in April. Council members were asked to spread the word about recruitment to their respective schools and peers by passing out flyers and information packets. They look forward to keeping a large council, and are worked hard to achieve it.

- **End of the Year Dinner- June 2010**

On June 16th, the Youth Advisory Council enjoyed their End of the Year Dinner to celebrate their accomplishments from the past term. Council members gathered at Shakey's Pizza Parlor for their final meeting, at which they received their certificates.

General Recommendations:

- Increasing recruitment in surrounding 5th district cities.
- Recruit council members that are fully committed to their duties as a council member.
- Be involved in more community service projects throughout 5th district.
- Keep positive, team- working environment with respect for one another.
- Establish better methods of communication within the council.
- Reach out to the community and volunteer even more.

