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MCCOY statement regarding the passing of former Indy mayor Bill Hudnut

INDIANAPOLIS – John Brandon, president and executive director of the Marion County Commission on Youth, released the following statement regarding the recent passing of former Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut:

“The Board of Directors and the staff of the Marion County Commission On Youth, Inc. join with many others in our community to mourn the passing of the Honorable William H. Hudnut III.

“In the late 1980s, because of his concern about and his passion for the well-being of Indianapolis’ children and teens, Mayor Hudnut asked the Community Service Council to undertake a study to see how well youth services were working together to provide supports for youth. As a result of that process and Bill Hudnut’s vision, MCCOY, Inc. was organized to serve as the community’s youth services intermediary and charged with carrying out Mayor Hudnut’s goal: all youth in Indianapolis would have access to the supports and opportunities they needed to become productive, positive and contributing citizens.

“Thanks to Mayor Hudnut’s recognition that our city would progress only as far as its youngest citizens, our community’s youth-serving agencies persist in striving to achieve what Mayor Hudnut envisioned. His leadership continues to result in agencies effectively working together, more children and youth being served and greater awareness among all adults of how the community must support its young people. To honor his life and his many efforts to make opportunities better for children and teens, MCCOY, Inc. and the rest of the youth-serving community pledge to follow Bill Hudnut’s example of humble service until his goal is finally achieved and all the children and youth in our community are well and successful.”

In 2012, upon MCCOY’s 20th anniversary as a nonprofit, MCCOY interviewed former Mayor Hudnut about the role a city plays in positive youth development. You can watch this video [here](#).

About MCCOY

The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) is the youth services intermediary for central Indiana whose mission is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community. MCCOY’s vision is that every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage and contribute.



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