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MCCOY supports Mayor's Youth Leadership Council with grant from Lilly Endowment

INDIANAPOLIS – The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) has recently joined forces with Indianapolis Mayor Hogsett's office and Leadership Indianapolis to support the newly created Mayor's Youth Leadership Council.

MCCOY received a \$220,000 from Lilly Endowment Inc. to fund the launch and development of the council, staff positions during the council's first two years and build meaningful long-term youth engagement.

"At MCCOY, we believe in youth and the voices they use to advocate for themselves and for issues that affect them," said John Brandon, president and executive director of MCCOY. "We are excited to see the development of this council and to amplify the youth voices that are being represented. Through this council, great things will happen for children, teens and families in our city."

With additional support from Lilly Endowment, The Indianapolis Foundation (a CICF affiliate) and Leadership Indianapolis, the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is a group of 25 Indianapolis teens who will provide insight and feedback for the Mayor and city leaders on community issues. The goal of the council is to develop the next generation of Indianapolis leaders, elevating young people's role in making Indianapolis a safer, stronger and more welcoming city.

"The future leaders of Indianapolis are bright, passionate and inspired – their voices are needed to help ensure not only the success of our city today, but for the generations to come," Mayor Hogsett said in a previous statement. "Thanks to support from Lilly Endowment Inc., The Indianapolis Foundation (a CICF affiliate), Leadership Indianapolis and the Marion County Commission on Youth, the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council will empower Indianapolis' young people with the fervent belief that their influence can cause the positive and lasting change that our city needs."

"Lilly Endowment has long believed that the best way to build tomorrow's civic leaders is to engage youth today in activities that develop their leadership skills and instill in them the desire to serve their communities," said N. Clay Robbins, the Endowment's chairman, president and CEO. "The Endowment is pleased to help launch the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. It will not only build future leaders, but it also will help our city serve our youth better now."



Indianapolis teens who are currently in their sophomore or junior year of high school [can apply online](#) to be a part of the group and can serve for up to two years as juniors and seniors. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2018.

To learn more about MCCOY, visit www.mccooyouth.org.

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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