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MCCOY hosts free community birthday party

INDIANAPOLIS – The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) is hosting a free community event in honor of the organization's 25th year as a youth-serving nonprofit in Indianapolis.

The public is invited to come out to Indy Parks' Kuntz Soccer Stadium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 29. The event will feature a magic show, an acapella performance, a dance team performance, a variety of food trucks, a fire truck and police car, the library bookmobile, field games, fencing and martial arts demonstrations, athletic drills and activities, a visit from Freddy Fever, remarks by Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and local leaders, games and prizes, a photo station and much more. All activities are free, except for purchases made from the food trucks.

"The goal of this event is not only to celebrate a major milestone in our 25-year-long history," said John Brandon, president and executive director of MCCOY. "We also want to solidify our position as a friendly neighbor in Indianapolis. We're here to connect families to resources, support youth organizations and build up a community that values young people. We are grateful for every opportunity to get out in our city and connect with the wonderful Hoosiers who love and support kids and teens."

MCCOY staff and board members will be at the event to answer questions, take donations and celebrate the occasion. Mayor Hogsett and a representative of Congressman Carson's office will also be in attendance and are scheduled to make remarks at 12:45 p.m.

The event, sponsored by Comcast, will feature activities, performances and demonstrations from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the Indianapolis Fire Department, the Indianapolis Public Library's Bookmobile, the Indianapolis Fencing Club, Crouching Tigers, Butler University's On a Side Note, G3 Steppers, Anthony Boler Magic and others.

Exhibitors at the event will include School on Wheels, Arts for Learning, Rebecca's Garden of Hope, Piloted Schools, IUPUI, Prime Smile, Christel House DORS, Brightwood Community Center, Zion Hill M. B. Church, Inc., Smoke Free Indy, the Marion County Public Health Department, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Noble, Near West Outreach Clinic, Stopover, Inc., Enroll Indy, IU School of Medicine Research Team, Eskenazi Health, Indiana Adoption Program



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Lickity Slick Snowball Shop, Nacho Mama's, Gigi's Cupcakes and Johnson's BBQ Shack will all have food trucks on the premises. These vendors have generously agreed to donate a portion of their profits from the event to MCCOY.

To learn more about the event, <u>click here</u>. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP on <u>Facebook</u> or MCCOY's <u>website</u>, though registrations are not required for attendance.

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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