

partners^{for}HEALTHY YOUTH

Partners for Healthy Youth is a community-wide effort to engage Kettering adults and youth in working together to build a healthy community where all young people can grow and succeed.

Our focus is on building character/developmental assets, while promoting a network of resources and initiatives to address the needs and issues facing Kettering's youth and families. Our work is based on research by the Search Institute on the 40 Developmental Assets that all young people need to succeed.

Partners for Healthy Youth is a collaborative effort founded jointly by the Kettering City Council and the Kettering School Board. It is led by an advisory board made up of representatives from a wide variety of sectors throughout the community, including city, school, church, business, social service, recreation and members of the Kettering Youth Council.

Based on extensive community-wide input, Partners for Healthy Youth has identified three key initiatives to focus on during the next two years.



Creating a Community of Character **Community Character Building**

loyalty tolerance courage
citizenship honor respect
spirituality honesty
perseverance compassion
integrity responsibility



The mission of this initiative is to establish, implement and sustain a program to promote character building assets in Kettering. Character "Words of the Month" are promoted in schools, community buildings, churches and businesses. Our goal is to build character qualities and personal assets that will help our youth make positive choices and develop a strong base for a promising future.

Youth Leadership and Service

Following the 2006 Search Institute survey of more than 700 Kettering youth, Partners for Healthy Youth learned that less than 1/3 of our young people are engaged in service to their communities. The Youth Leadership and Service initiative seeks to engage all young people in Kettering through

leadership development programs and service projects. Each year hundreds of youth participate in the Kettering Youth Council, Kettering Youth Leadership Academy, Community Day of Service and various service events.



Mentoring

The mission of the Mentoring initiative is to connect the youth of Kettering and their families to strong resources, healthy adults and programs that provide our youth with mentoring and other positive opportunities which include elements of strong character and leadership development. Mentoring programs include the ongoing after-school programs for our middle schools, continuation of Cops & Kids Camp and positive interaction and relationship building with local law enforcement.



For more information on Partners for Healthy Youth, please visit www.pfhy.org or call 296-2454.