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Dear [Name]:

I am the Youth Action Committee Advisor for the Capital Region Community Foundation. I heard you might be interested in joining our Youth Action Committee. That would be great! Our YAC members have a good time, do some really fun things, and meet fun kids from other high schools in the Lansing area. It's OK if you are a little apprehensive about it, everyone is at first, but you needn't be. It is just a group of kids just like yourself, and after the first meeting everyone is very comfortable.

I am enclosing a copy of our Annual Newsletter so you can get a little better idea of what YAC is all about, and what kinds of activities we do. Just to give you a brief overview though, the Youth Action Committee (YAC) is a fun bunch of high school kids from around the Lansing area that work to help fund and promote programs that help youth in the tri-county area. The YAC is an advisory committee of the Capital Region Community Foundation, and grants money through the Community Foundation to accomplish these goals. By joining YAC you can make a positive difference in the lives of many youth in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties and have a lot of fun in the process. YACers develop team-building and leadership skills through both serious and fun activities. We also volunteer for service projects in the community. YAC members learn, and hopefully teach, about philanthropy—the giving and sharing of time, talent, or treasure intended for the common good.

You will find when reading the newsletter that we try to do community service about every other month. Our members really like this aspect of YAC although our main purpose is to decide as grantmakers, where the Youth Fund dollars from the Foundation will best be put to use, helping the youth of the tri-county area. Last year our YAC granted \$42,400 to non-profit organizations in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

The YAC is committed to involving a wide range of youth to represent the geographic, socio-economic, ethnic and educational differences in their community.

There are more than 1,500 young people from across the State of Michigan who are involved with the 86 community foundations that are granting money from permanently-endowed youth funds established as a result of a challenge grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Our local YAC has an average of 25 members.

Our first meeting of the year will be Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Peoples Church in East Lansing from 6:00-8:00pm. Our meetings are always held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Peoples Church, in the Youth Room, from 6:00-8:00pm, and the Foundation usually provides pizza and pop or something like that for the members. About twice a year we have a potluck.

This is a fun way for high schoolers to meet and interact with their peers from other area schools, and there is no cost to be a member. All we ask is a time commitment and a willingness to help make a difference in the lives of other youth in our community.

We will have many new members in our group, so you won't have to feel like you're the only one who is not really sure about what's going on.

Please give me a call at the Foundation at (517) 272-2870 and let me know if you are interested in joining and I can also answer any questions you might have.

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

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