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HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s Youth "Leaders in Training Club" to Empower Hoboken Teenagers

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Hoboken, New Jersey - HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc. was awarded \$2,000 from **Party With Purpose (PWP)** to inspire Hoboken teenagers to be L.I.T. (Leaders in Training). **HOPES' L.I.T. Club**, led by Ashley Barron, Community Education Advocate, will meet weekly to engage youth in team and leadership building activities. These sessions will include workshops and discussions about leadership characteristics. These sessions will tentatively be on Wednesdays at 2 PM, in the Rue Computer Lab.

The primary function of the club is to foster leadership in our Hoboken community's teens. Discussions will challenge participants to think strategically and innovatively, while empowering and teaching them how to constructively articulate and advocate in support of their views. The program also encourages participants to become actively engaged and exercise positive influences in their community through involvement in volunteer opportunities. This club will empower, strengthen, and inspire our youth to be an integral part of driving positive change and help develop qualities needed in our future leaders.

About HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.

HOPES CAP, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a member of the national network of Community Action Partnerships designated under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, with locations in Hoboken, Plainfield, and Somerset, New Jersey. HOPES has been serving primarily low-income individuals and families for over 53 years. The mission of HOPES is to provide services that respond to the social, educational and training needs of individuals in an effort to overcome barriers and fight the causes of poverty. HOPES empowers people of all ages: more than 1,000 children from birth to 5 years old for school readiness, and over 3,000 youth, adults, and seniors towards economic self-sufficiency.

For more information about youth programs available at HOPES, please visit <https://www.hopes.org/youth-services>, or contact Evelyn Mercado, Community Programs Manager, 1-855-OK-HOPES ext. 1302, directly with questions about the L.I.T. club. Follow HOPES on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news @HOPESCAPInc.

About Party With Purpose

Party With Purpose (PWP) is a 100% volunteer based, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded on the concept of producing great events to raise money for children's charities and bring the community together in the process. PWP combines the best local social events with charitable causes to make a positive difference both here in the local community and abroad. Hoboken is

known for its “work hard, play hard” lifestyle. Through PWP, people can “give hard” too while having fun! PWP has donated \$650,000 and counting to help those in need through the generosity of volunteers, those attending events, and local sponsorships & donations. Learn more at <http://www.partywithpurpose.org/>

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