

# HCHY

Healthy Community-Healthy Youth® Initiative of Livingston, Inc

*A collaborative partnership between youth and adults creating a community where all young people thrive*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Playground Challenges*  
at Jewish Family Services  
570 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave  
**March 14th 7pm**

*"Healthy Kids Day"*  
West Essex YMCA  
**April 14th**

*"The Overachievers: The Secret Life of Driven Kids" with Alexandra Robbins*  
Presented by LMAC,  
Livingston Bd of Ed,  
Parent Teacher Council, Kushner Academy, JFS, UWNE, Borders  
**April 16th 7:30pm**  
Kushner Academy

*"Edna May's Musical Camp"*  
presented by Children's Theatre

## Making America's Promise "Livingston's Promise"

***Caring Adults; Safe Places to Gather; A Healthy Start in Life; Effective Education Leading to Marketable Skills; and Opportunities to Serve Others.***

These are the stated goals of [America's Promise - the Alliance for Youth](#) which emerged from the Summit of the Presidents in 1997. Livingston's HCHY is committed to delivering the Five Promises to our young people and to becoming a true "Community of Promise". Initially chaired by Colin Powell, the Alliance is now directed by Alma Powell and has successfully built cross-sector partnerships with communities, government, businesses, schools, youth-serving non-profits, parents and youth. View the Summit Declaration at: [www.americaspromise.org/uploadedFiles/AmericasPromise/Why\\_We\\_Are\\_Here/Our\\_History/SummitDeclaration.pdf](http://www.americaspromise.org/uploadedFiles/AmericasPromise/Why_We_Are_Here/Our_History/SummitDeclaration.pdf)

### You Say There's No Place to Hang Out? HCHY Proposes a Teen Center and Skate Park



Members of the Livingston High School Community Action Club (CAC) with input from middle school students and HCHY partners recently unveiled plans for a Teen Center and Skate Park. The Town Council enthusiastically received the proposal and is working with the group to raise funds to support the project. LHS CAC Co-Presidents Natalie Agajanov and Eric Karpas presented the latest information in a Power Point presentation at the March 3rd HCHY General Membership meeting. Visit the HCHY website at [www.livingstonnj.org/hchy.htm](http://www.livingstonnj.org/hchy.htm) to view the CAC presentation.



### MENTORING - the student survey results are in.

#### What Can YOU Do?

KUDOS to over 100 youth and adult community members who contributed the better part of two Saturdays last fall to develop a Mentoring Program for Livingston Youth. The results of the high school and middle school student surveys administered in February indicate that our youth are interested in exploring career choices through job shadowing and internships with local businesses and professionals. Peer to peer groups were also requested as our youth look to older students for insight and guidance as to "what comes next" in school and in life. HCHY's goal is to begin the program, known tentatively as "CONNECTIONS" in September. If you are a student, adult, business person, or professional and are interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee, please contact us. Further information and full survey results will be available in next month's newsletter.

of Livingston  
Mt Pleasant  
Middle School  
May 3rd, 6th,  
and 7th

HCHY  
General  
Membership  
Meeting  
Senior/Community  
Center \* All  
Welcome\*  
May 5th 9:30am  
- Noon

## HCHY Chairs the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Livingston Youth Appreciation Week



Join us on Monday, May 21st through Monday, May 28th as we recognize the youth of Livingston by celebrating their achievements and contributions to our town through a week of fun-filled activities and events designed to support youth, strengthen families, and foster community spirit. With a Family Festival, Movie Under the Stars, Family Camp Out, Lance's Lounge, Mall Scavenger Hunt, Cole Brothers Circus, Memorial Day Parade, and MUCH more, there is something for the kid in all of us! Find out more including a **schedule of activities** and **how to become a sponsor** by visiting the HCHY website at [www.livingstonnj.org/hchy.htm](http://www.livingstonnj.org/hchy.htm)

### About Us

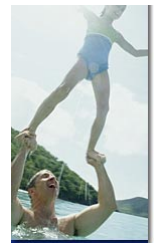
Livingston's Healthy Community Healthy Youth (HCHY) efforts have evolved over the past four years through a unique collaboration of community members including town and school officials, clergy members, middle and high school students, parents, senior citizens, educators, mental health professionals, recreational and philanthropic organizations. The group which is generously funded by the **United Way of North Essex** and supported by **UWNE's Livingston Community Fund** is committed to coordinating the resources of the entire Livingston community to create an environment and culture that truly values youth.

#### HCHY Executive Board

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