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High school's 'Team Excellence' to host community events

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Clinton - Student leaders at Clinton High School recently formed "Team Excellence" to host community days throughout the year to bring Clinton together and get more involved with the high school. Amber Foster, Molly Igo, Alyssa Mullinax, Josue Guerra, Alvin Maynard and Conner McLaughlin launched the team with a \$1,000 United Way grant. The team plans to host its first community event in June.

"We want all age groups to unite and be a part of something that could make the town stronger," said Guerra, one of the team leaders.

He mentioned that students are hoping that these community days will raise funds to purchase a bench in the school's courtyard in honor of Christopher Reusch, a student killed in a car crash last winter. They also hope to raise funds to host more community days.

The team will use its \$1,000 United Way grant to purchase food and drinks, entertainment, prizes, banners and posters, games, and entertainers. At the community days there will be different events for all ages including children, adults, and seniors. They are also hoping that individuals and companies in the Clinton community will be able to help by donating items such as food, drinks, and raffle prizes.

The team formally presented its ideas before a selection panel of community members which included Clinton School Superintendent Gerald Gaw, Maura Grossman from Clinton Savings Bank and Cindy Turner from the United Way of Tri-County. These panelists unanimously decided to award the team the full amount of funding after seeing their presentation and excitement about their initiative.

"It is great to see that these young leaders are working together to help the community," said Maura Grossman.

For more information on United Way Venture Teams, please visit www.GenV.net.



Amber Foster, Molly Igo, Alyssa Mullinax, Josue Guerra, Alvin Maynard and Conner McLaughlin founded 'Team Excellence' at Clinton High School in 2009.

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