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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AWARDED \$47,497 IN GRANTS

Van Buren Township (June 2017) – The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) has awarded Van Buren Charter Township a \$47,497 in grants to fund their Summer Youth Job Initiative, **THE REAL** (Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders). 35 students, ages 15-19, have been selected to participate in the program which offers temporary employment opportunities within Van Buren Charter Township’s municipal sectors. The six-week initiative is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop marketable skills in a real work environment through placements within two distinct roles: Community Ambassadors and Junior Organizational Assistants.

Throughout the program, students will attend township board, commission and committee meetings and engage in morning “coffee break” sessions with management to review their accomplishments, receive/give constructive criticism, and evaluate the tasks at hand for the current workday. Also scheduled are weekly “Lunch and Learn” sessions hosted by different township departments and designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of roles and responsibilities of each government sector. Participation in the Summer Youth Job Initiative provides students with the opportunity to attend the MHA Young Professionals Day at Cobo Center in Detroit.

With an emphasis on education through resilience, collaboration, mindfulness and inquiry; Van Buren Charter Township is certain this program will set a new standard for Summer Youth Job Initiatives across the region. For more information on the Van Buren Township DDA, visit VanBurenDDA.com.

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