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APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN FOR 2015-16 ANTHEM YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Anthem, Ariz. – The Anthem Community Council is accepting applications to serve on the Anthem Youth Advisory Council (AYAC) for the 2015-16 term. The advisory board for youth in grades 7-12 is entering its second year. Applications are due by Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

An initiative of the ACC Board of Directors, the inaugural AYAC group was formed with a number of goals in mind, including a focus on creating positive and fun activities and experiences for Anthem youth. First seated in the fall of 2014, the AYAC organized two Teen Movie Night events, volunteered at ACC-sponsored special events and attended regular meetings where they discussed issues facing today's Anthem teens.

"The youth council has accomplished much in the group's inaugural year, from volunteering to hosting teen events to providing critical youth input on community issues," said ACC Community Executive Officer Jenna Kohl. "The energy, passion and leadership demonstrated by this talented group of Anthem students set the stage for future AYAC members, and we look forward to the continued interest in and success of the program in the years to come."

The youth council will be comprised of 13 Anthem youth representing a cross section of age groups and schools (public, private and home) within the community, plus one Student Body Officer of Boulder Creek High School. ACC Board directors, the community executive officer and staff advise the group.

To apply, students must complete a formal application and essay, submit two letters of recommendation and complete an interview with the selection team. Terms will begin Oct. 7, when the group's first meeting will be held. Applications can be found at OnlineAtAnthem.com/AYAC and must be submitted by 5 p.m. Sept. 8.

Selected candidates will attend regular meetings, participate in ACC meetings and events, and assist in planning and implementing AYAC programs. They also will be expected to uphold a moral code of conduct.

Through their service on the Anthem Youth Advisory Council, students will:

- Learn how local government works and how community services are provided;
- Raise awareness about the ACC, its mission and proposals among Anthem youth;
- Share ideas about youth issues and needs, and suggest community enhancements;
- Develop leadership and operational skills and contribute to the future development and enhancement of Anthem.

For more information about the Anthem Youth Advisory Council, visit OnlineAtAnthem.com/AYAC. With questions, contact Jenna Kohl at 623-742-6064 or email jkohl@anthemcouncil.com.

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