

YOUTH LAUNCH LEADERS

Being **BOLD** with Assets in the Arts

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Students in Clarke County's youth pod, CCOPS (Clarke County Organization of Philanthropic Services), realized that youth in southern Iowa often have limited chances to view and participate in the **CREATION OF ART**. To provide opportunities for students to be engaged and **MOTIVATED**, CCOPS is planning a year full of fine arts activities for youth focusing on dance, art, and music.

To encourage **POSITIVE ADULT RELATIONSHIPS**, the group has planned a parent/student Sock Hop. This dance will provide an opportunity for parents and students to gain **APPRECIATION** for different styles of music and dance. Members of CCOPS will also host a tumbling clinic for young gymnasts to learn new skills that will be showcased during half-time of a high school basketball game.



Art will be the focus of another event when members host an Art in the Park painting event. This event will allow students to become **ACTIVELY ENGAGED** in viewing art and creating it.



To engage **COMMUNITY MEMBERS** in this initiative, "experts" will come to a music class and teach students how to play different instruments. Students have the opportunity to create their own instruments from various household items.

These events are sure to leave a lasting impression on Clarke County youth and all that participate. What a great example of Being **BOLD** with Assets!

CCOPS is one of thirteen philanthropic youth pods, funded by the Dekko Foundation. Youth Pods focus on grant making, leadership, and service in their respective counties. We appreciate CCOPS sharing their plans for the year!



Notes on Youth Development

When you do
this...

Your child
feels...

Try this
instead...

Talk during an event

Uncomfortable

Give your attention to the performers. Appreciate all of their hard work

Down play the importance of a fine art event

Unhappy

Clap and get excited for your child. It's a great way to show support.

Say negative things about participants or the event

Embarrassed

Remember that children model behavior they see. Keep your comments positive.

Use electronic devices during an event

Unimportant

Be present at the event. Leave other distractions at the door.

Focus only on being the best

Pressured

Tell them before and after the event that you are proud of them.