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## County of Lucas

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Dear Educational Partners:

We all know that youth are our future and deserve opportunities to grow and develop. The opportunity with the greatest impact is **Employment**.

Despite the slow improvement of the local economy, government leaders and business owners are joining forces to ensure youth in the Toledo community are able to grow and develop through experiences that can only be obtained from **Employment**.

This year, The Lucas County Commissioners, United Way of Greater Toledo, The City of Toledo, and The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce have joined together to combine resources to create **STEP** – the *Summer Teen Employment Program*.

There are three components to the program:

1. Youth are placed directly in a job from a sponsoring business.
2. Businesses donate monetarily towards placing a youth in a job through the YMCA's Youth Opportunities Program' summer employment program.
3. Youth are placed in a meaningful internship opportunity with a sponsoring business or non-profit organization.

The goal is to have to have 200 positions available for youth in local businesses and organizations. This will create a competitiveness environment for the available positions. **Interested youth will need to fill out an application, submit a letter of interest, and one reference from an individual who can comment on their character and abilities.** Detailed instructions are available with the applications which they can pick up at The Source. This is all in hopes of preparing them for the real world of securing gainful employment.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Your role is very simple. We ask that you get the word out about this great opportunity. Very soon you will receive some flyers that we ask you post within your organization and identify youth you feel are **ready** for the challenge and can **benefit** from STEP.

Please encourage youth to come to the Source and pick up an application packet. If you have any further questions, please contact Brandon Tucker, Job Expeditor for the STEP program at (419) 213-JOBS.

Thank you for being apart of this great initiative!

Very truly yours,

**Eric J. Walker, Director**

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