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Lafourche Community Action Hosts Second Annual Teen Expo

The Office of Community Action will host the second annual Teen Expo on August 4, 2006 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Moses Community Center in Thibodaux. This year's theme is "Building a Community of Unity". Teen Expo is a one day event that provides the opportunity for the youth of Lafourche Parish to meet and discuss issues affecting them, showcase their talents for their peers, and show that they are the future of our community. They also may participate in a panel to discuss issues concerning their communities, health, education and welfare. "This is a great way to bring the youth of this parish together to discuss and debate their rights and responsibilities as well as to express their view and concerns about their community," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph.

The agency director and staff hope that Teen Expo 2006 will promote a positive message of community spirit and unity among teens parish-wide. This year's event is scheduled to feature performances by area youths. Performances by regional artists include Young Explicit, VC Entertainment's Pure Genius', Chill Will, B.A.N., Juice, Lil Real, Big Face Record's Dream Team of New Orleans, The Intruders of Bigga Betta Records from Simmesport, La., Foundation Ministries' Shiloh, and Bound 4 Glory Record's Zeeda from Texas. Special performances include RAP artist, C-Loc; Eli Atkins of the Harlem Globetrotters; and encouraging words from keynote speakers. A special tribute to welcome any new students displaced by Hurricane Katrina as well as a special recognition for the teens who volunteered during the Katrina crisis.

The Community Action Agency began this project last summer, with the first expo hosted at the Thibodaux Civic Center. An estimated 500 teens attended this event.

Students attending will need to present their School ID or Teen Expo ticket. Tickets are available by contacting any of the Community Action Offices in the parish – Thibodaux at (985) 446-6731, Raceland at (985) 537-7603, or Galliano at (985) 632-3989.

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