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Stephenson County Board & Court Services
Freeport, IL 61032

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support for the “Young Eagles Success” (YES) Club Character Excellence Program conducted by Carl Cole here at Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole have been a consistent and dedicated part of the program for students ages six to eighteen. The weekly Workshop Sessions give the students a chance to have “REAL” talk about the negative effects of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, other substances and violence that plague our society today. These forty-five minute sessions build skills for the students to avoid and/or cope with the pressures of the world, community, school and home. As, well as being a responsible, respectful and safe individual.

This program has expanded into starting a “Young Eagles Soaring Inspirational Choir” (YES-IC). The students are super excited and proud of what they have accomplished in such a short period of time. The group sings uplifting positive drug and violence free songs. The choir has had three performances the first at the Public Library during the Downtown Christmas Walk, Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Fellowship and FHN’s Singin’ at the King. The program is priceless as it allows the students to positively express themselves in a safe, caring, and non-judgmental environment while learning at the same time.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Carl Cole and the YES Program. The more programs that can help our students make better decisions when it comes to drugs, alcohol, tobacco and violence and their negative consequences will benefit our students, family and community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Spindler
Director of Education