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What falling fruit supposedly inspired Isaac Newton to write the laws of gravity? What modern vehicle was invented to circumvent trench warfare? In football, where do the Vikings come from? What brave-hearted Scottish patriot did Mel Gibson play in the movie Braveheart? These are just some of the questions that may stump you at the Youth First Trivia Night.

The Trivia Night fundraiser will enable Youth First to continue building opportunities for youth to experience the 40 Developmental Assets. All programs offered by Youth First are offered at no cost to the students and parents who participate. The Trivia Night for Youth First will be on Saturday, November 10th at Southern Hills Church fellowship hall. Doors will open at 6:00pm and trivia will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Team tables are \$160 for up to 8 members per a team.

All competition is as a team. There will be 6 rounds of trivia with some added competitions thrown in the mix. There will be 3 rounds of traditional trivia and 3 rounds of youth friendly trivia topics. (Teams are encouraged to recruit youth to be on their team but are not required.) There will be a break in trivia following rounds 2, 4 and 6. During these breaks a team will have the pleasure of entertaining the audience with their karaoke skills during each break. While trivia is going on individuals will have the opportunity to put money towards the team they would like to see sing. The team with the most money contributed in their name will sing during the break. If you could not join us last year you missed great performances by Judge Newkirk's family and staff by Salem Schools.

Dustin Houchin, Youth First Advisory Council Chair stated, "We wanted to do something fun, with a youthful feel to not only raise support for Youth First but also for the work and progress we are initiating in the community." Teams are encouraged to keep things informal wearing jeans and team t-shirts to show their competitive spirit. Light refreshments of pizza, popcorn, cookies and soda are included with table registration.

Just as we encourage our youth to plan ahead and create a vision for the direction of their life, Youth First has tried to do the same thing. Youth First be came independent of the Washington County Community Foundation in January of this year when they merged forces with the YMCA. Their mission is to create a positive environment within the county where youth are valued, their needs come first and investments are made in their well being. The Trivia Night event is positioned to raise awareness for the needs of our youth while raising funds for the continued efforts of Youth First.

Youth are the future of our community. They are the next generation of parents, teachers, business owners, customers, employees and political leaders. Sponsorship of Trivia Night will demonstrate your organization's support of our youth in Washington County, the work of Youth First to build the 40 Developmental Assets and the ultimate value of investing in our future by investing in our youth!

When the WCCF started the youth development movement which grew into Youth First their goal was to in many ways raise a "healthy, successful, productive adult." They gave birth to the movement, have mentored Youth First as it has grown and now is supporting the efforts of Youth First to become an independent. Beth Armstrong, Youth First Director said, "Youth First is at the phase in its growth where we have finally moved out of mom and dad's house so to speak but we are still working to get on our feet. Just like a child preparing to transition from high school to college, we need community support in order to be successful."

The deadline to register a team is November 2nd. To learn more about Youth First programs

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or download a sponsorship form for Trivia Night, visit www.youthfirstwc.org. Act fast to reserve a team table for Trivia Night. Contact Beth Armstrong at 883-5565 or beth@wcfymca.org to make your donation and show your support for our youth in Washington County!