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Please make checks payable to the Vanderburgh Community Foundation White County Fund with White County CEO in the memo.

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Business:

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____ I commit to being a sponsor of the program and contributing \$1000 a year for three years.

__I am willing to meet with the class at least twice during the year to talk to them about my business experience and give them feedback.

__I am willing to mentor a student.

__I am willing for the class to meet at my business for a quarter.

__I am willing for the class to tour my business.

__Other (please explain):_____

White County CEO Program

Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Carmi White County and Norris City– Omaha– Enfield High School Students

Our Goal:

To provide a educational program for students in White County high schools that would allow them to create and grow their own entrepreneurial opportunities that contribute to the future economic development of White County.

Why a White County CEO Program?

In 2015, a group of community leaders from the Carmi Chamber of Commerce visited with another CEO program and had the opportunity to see the first hand success of the students in that community. When the students were polled, the vast majority wanted to return home after completing their education because of their participation in the CEO Program.

Believing this to be a way to help cultivate our own entrepreneurs in White County, and help our economy grow, the White County CEO Program was formed to give students the knowledge to create success in White County.

White County CEO Program teaches:

Entrepreneurship education. Over the course of the year, students will meet in businesses throughout the community. They will tour businesses and hear from local business owners and leaders. Each student will have a mentor from the business community. Students will complete two business plans and start their own business. Toward the end of the school year, students will host a business fair for the community to view the businesses created by these students.

Key Components:

- The class is a year-long, two credit high school course with pending dual college credit.
- The class is offered to high school junior and seniors.
- The class will be taught by a teacher hired by White County CEO.
- Selection for the program will be made from students who apply to the program. Grades do not define admission to the course.
- Classes start in Fall 2016, pending approval.

Support:

- Support for this program comes from school administrators, local business, municipalities, local individuals and the Carmi Chamber of Commerce.
- The initial purchase of curriculum is being funded by the Carmi Chamber of Commerce.
- Funding for the program comes from local business, individual and municipalities committed to the success of White County.