

Courage Responsibility Citizenship
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CHARACTER **RISE**

EMPOWERING SPRINGFIELD YOUTH

Coming October 2010!

What is **CHARACTER RISE**?

CHARACTER RISE is a city-wide initiative that empowers youth to create their own code of character by giving them a specific topic each month to discuss in school and community organizations. Sample topics may include: school, drugs, health and wellness & gangs.

How will **CHARACTER RISE** work?

Youth will lead the discussions with guidance from caring adults. At the end of each month, youth will come together for a Congress at a community-based organization to establish a code of behavior/character around the topic of the month.

Why **CHARACTER RISE**?

In addition to the intrinsic rewards to youth and community, youth involved in **CHARACTER RISE** will get to participate in such activities as field trips, leadership rallies, college tours, forums/lectures, plays, musicals, concerts, dances and sporting events and recognition ceremonies.

Who are our **CHARACTERS**?

Participating agencies include:

- The Mayor's Violence Prevention Task Force
- Springfield Public Schools (Brookings, Commerce, Duggan, Forest Park, Frederick Harris, Sci-Tech, SAFE, Sumner Avenue, White Street, Brightwood)
- New North Citizens Council
- South End Community Center, Inc.
- Springfield Boys and Girls Club, Inc.
- Springfield Girls Club Family Center, Inc.
- Vietnamese American Civic Association
- YMCA of Greater Springfield, Inc.

I'm a **CHARACTER**! Are you?

You can be a **CHARACTER** by helping in the following ways:

- Publicly support and endorse the Code of Character
- Serve as a guest speaker
- Help provide resources
- Spread the word!