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WICHITA WORKFORCE CENTER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT RECEIVES GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA

WICHITA, KS - Bank of America will present the Youth Employment Project (YEP) a grant for \$40,000 during a presentation on Thursday, April 27 at the Wichita Workforce Center beginning at 1pm. Mayor Jeff Longwell, City Council Member Pete Meitzner and Bank of America Wichita Market President Shawn Lancelot will attend and give remarks at the presentation.

“It’s crucial to that we work to help ensure our young people have opportunities to learn, grow and begin building their careers. The Youth Employment Project is an investment not only in the futures of young people, but in the future of our community,” said Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell.

“Helping our young adults build the business skills they need to gain confidence and success in the work world is vitally important to their future,” said Shawn Lancelot, Bank of America Wichita Market President. “Bank of America is pleased to partner with Mayor Longwell in providing our Wichita youth assistance that will prepare them for a lifetime of achievements and help build a more sustainable community.”

The Youth Employment Project is an opportunity to assist young adults in finding employment. Services to young adults through the YEP include assistance in resume creation, job search, preparing for interviews as well as education in soft skills, customer service and money management.

“There are not enough job opportunities these days for young adults,” said Keith Lawing, president and CEO of Workforce Alliance. “Too many attempt to enter the work force without real life employment experience.”

The Workforce Center has been involved in promoting young adult employment and work experience opportunities for at-risk young adults (16-21) since 2009. The strategy was initiated by funding from the federal government in 2009 and 2010, and the WA has leveraged Workforce Investment Act resources, proceeds from the Jobs FORE Youth Golf tournaments and contributions from employers to support youth work experiences from 2011 to 2015.

The Workforce Alliance is the Administrative Entity, One Stop Operator, and Program Administrator for Local Area IV in Kansas, which includes the counties of Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner. Operations for Local Area IV are directed by the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB). The daily operations of the LWIB are carried out by a professional staff, led by a President and Chief Executive Officer. For additional information on the Workforce Alliance please visit www.workforce-ks.com.

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