

# How Can **Youth** Really Make a **Positive Difference** in Davie County?

**DID YOU KNOW** there is a contest to enhance the expression of respect right here in Davie County? It's called the Davie Respect Initiative (DRI).

The DRI provides young people with a new platform to share their ideas on showing respect with their community. We can all think of young people who are creative and who make a real difference by showing respect to others.

Upon hearing about the DRI, Carolyn McManamy of the Davie County Chamber of Commerce said, **"Respect is so important to every aspect of our lives,** whether it is our personal relationships or business interactions. By shining a spotlight on respect with their creative contest, the DRI reminds us all that we are better people and a better community when we are respectful to one another."

**Up to 10 winning submissions will receive a reward of \$1,000 each** for sharing their creative and practical ideas through the DRI contest. The contest is open to individuals who live in Davie County (DC) aged 12 - 21, or groups based in DC (such as scouts, church youth groups, sports teams, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 4-H, etc.) whose members are in that age range. Adult mentoring for applicants is welcomed.

A five-member volunteer panel of DC residents will select up to 20 finalists. These finalists will have the opportunity to present their ideas to the panel. The selection panel will be looking for thorough, thoughtful answers to four questions leading up to project ideas designed to bring out even more respect in DC. Answers to the four questions can be in any creative form. For example, an application, could consist of an essay, an original video, poetry, music, art or any combination of forms.

Many DC organizations and businesses have already endorsed this project. A few of them include the DC Chamber of Commerce, The Dragonfly House, Venezia Italian Restaurant, Trailers of the East Coast, Restaurant 101, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Davie County Public Library, East Coast Wings, EnergyUnited and others. When business owners hear of it, they want to be part of this effort.

How can you, as a reader, contribute to the DRI? Reach out to us through the Contact Us page on our website **DavieRespect.com** and let us know about your interest. Share the message below with every youth and youth group you know in Davie County.

## **A MESSAGE TO ALL THOSE 12 - 21 YEARS OLD IN DAVIE COUNTY:**

Let your voice be heard by submitting your ideas for a practical project, that demonstrates respect by applying to the Davie Respect Initiative via **DavieRespect.com**. Whether you're a club, group, or individual, your idea could be a winner!

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