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Westland Youth Summer Jobs Program Seeks Business Partners and Students



Westland, MI (May 14, 2021)- Mayor William R. Wild is once again reaching out to Westland businesses to partner on a common goal of introducing Westland's young adults to the workplace. The "Wild About Youth Works!" Program aims to prepare Westland's young adults for today's competitive workforce by teaching them the virtue of a strong work ethic, good customer service skills and financial responsibility.

The Wild About Youth Works Program, in its 13th year, is geared towards youth ages 15-19 and has helped over 1,000 students obtain their first job. This year's participants will also receive access to a digital financial education and entrepreneurship program provided by Fifth Third Bank.

"We know there are many businesses who are looking to fill positions right now," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Our goal is to connect our bright, talented community youth with our local business community in order to learn and expand their skills as future professionals."

Business owners and managers are encouraged to sign up to participate in the program by visiting www.cityofwestland.com or by [clicking here](#). Businesses will benefit from participating in the program by attaining young, tech savvy employees who have the drive and determination to get started on their careers. All that is required is a commitment to interviewing and hiring at least one student and providing them with at least 16 hours of work per week for six

weeks or more at the minimum wage rate or higher.

Students who are eligible and interested in participating should start by completing and submitting the online youth registration form by [clicking here](#).

For more information about this year's Wild About Youth Works! program see contact information below:

**Students: call the Youth Assistance Department at
(734)467-7904**

**Businesses: call the Economic Development Department at
(734)467- 3264**

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Westland, Michigan is the state's 10th largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts. Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to “cut the red tape” and expedite the approval process for new business development.