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***Mayor's 3rd Annual Youth Summit Set for
May 10 and 17***

ROCKFORD – Mayor Larry Morrissey and Kevin Lindenberg, Chairman of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council announced today the dates of the **Mayor's 3rd Annual Youth Summit**. The event is set for **Saturday May 10 and Saturday May 17** and will occur in the four quadrants of the City in an effort to engage youth from the neighborhoods in the positive daylong event. Each Summit is planned from **11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

“This year's summit is designed to be much more grassroots than in the past. We are working to engage young leaders that may have not considered coming to the event during the past two years,” stated Kevin Lindenberg Chairman of the Mayor's Youth Council.

The theme of this year's Summit is **Excellence...Rockford?** It is an opportunity for teens grades 8-11 to engage in workshops aimed at identifying excellence within themselves, their family and the community. Participants will be taught how to take responsibility for the assets of their community, build upon them and engage others in positive action through active leadership.

Adam Smith, Director of Education and Life-Long Learning is excited about the Summit's focus on Asset-Based Leadership, “Young people have played a major role in positive change movements throughout our history. Our goal is to counter the

negativity that often bombards our youth with an event that helps them focus on the Excellence within themselves, their families and their community. Then we will work to empower them as leaders to help others to see their vision of excellence and to put **Excellence into ACTION** to change their community.”

To nominate a teen grades 8-11 contact 815-987-5590 or e-mail adam.smith@rockfordil.gov

May 10 – 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Northwest Community Center
Ken-Rock Community Center

May 17 – 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Rock Valley College Woodward Technology Center
Booker Washington Center