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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Jackson Community Foundation Funding Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY, MI: The Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Youth Advisory Council Fund via the Jackson Community Foundation. The grant will help further our mission of working together to create and promote a healthy community. These funds will be used to support the Jackson County Health Department's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, specifically the initiative's Teen Council: D.R.I.P – “Developing Responsibility in Our Peers.”

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) was established in 2005 as a community-wide effort to combat and reduce teen pregnancy rates in Jackson County, by specifically addressing the contributing factors that youth in Jackson County face. While TPPI works to combat teen pregnancy in a variety of ways, one focus is showcasing and sharing youth voice in our community. D.R.I.P. - “Developing Responsibility in Our Peers,” is a teen council comprised of 15 students who serve as leaders and peer educators to youth in the community. “Our D.R.I.P teen council will greatly benefit from this grant awarded by the Jackson Community Foundation, as we work to create new video projects, social media campaigns, as well as community and parent educational opportunities this year,” says Jasmine Isaac, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative Coordinator for the Jackson County Health Department. Both TPPI and the D.R.I.P teen council are very excited to have the resources to expand projects and additional opportunities to connect with the youth in our community.

For more information about the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative and its Teen Council: D.R.I.P – “Developing Responsibility in Our Peers.” please contact: Jasmine Isaac, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative Coordinator for the Jackson County Health Department.

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