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Greetings!

The Travis County SYEP Team is proud to report the completion of another successful program year. Despite the ongoing pandemic, the program was able to provide 709 virtual internships to Youth Professionals for at least five weeks of the summer. The young professionals worked at virtual jobsites with various career interests ranging from medical to public administration.

As we plan for the summer of 2022 our goal is to have in-person internships, however, we are committed to adhering to public health COVID-19 guidelines and will be prepared to offer a virtual option. We are reaching out to you to ask if you will be willing to provide a summer internship experience for young people in the Austin community? We know that offering students the opportunity to work is paramount to their advancement professionally. Here are some advantages to hosting summer interns for your organization to keep in mind:

- Interns are paid by our organization which means your organization will have zero out-of-pocket costs.
- Interns are paid by us for a total of 100 work hours
- Great training/mentoring opportunity for potential, future employees.
- A wonderful way to get additional projects completed.
- Interns are monitored by the SYEP staff.

We will keep you updated with any changes that may take place. Operating during the pandemic has taught us the importance of us being flexible and adaptable. We may have a set plan but will be ready and open to modifying it to meet the needs of our community. Please simply respond to this email letting us know if you are interested in hosting interns during the summer of 2022. If you are interested please indicate your interest in hosting virtually, in-person, or a combination of both. We look forward to hearing from you!

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