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**AREA TEENS ARE INVITED TO LET THEIR VOICE BE HEARD
Special Youth Town Hall Meeting – February 23rd**

Area young people across Stone and Taney County are invited to a special Town Hall Meeting just for youth. “Ozark Mountain Country’s Youth are our area’s future leaders and we as a community want to encourage our youth to “Champion the Charge” for a better tomorrow,” said Jory Rolf, Ozark Mountain Legacy Director.

“Our goal is to listen to our area youth and equip and empower our future generation to lead toward a positive and preferred future,” Rolf said. The Legacy Youth Initiative Catalyst Team will host this special evening for area youth to participate in round-table discussions, answer questions and share their views on various issues facing our community, our youth culture and our future.

“We want to hear the input on life in the Ozarks, as young people see it,” said Dr. Sue Head, College of the Ozarks Keeter Center for Character Education. “We want to partner with our youth to help them see how they can truly make a difference in Ozark Mountain Country.”

Leaders and youth influencers from various sectors throughout our community will also be on hand to listen, encourage and help facilitate this important community conversation.

This special Youth Town Hall Meeting will be held February 23rd, 6-7:30pm, at the Branson Community Center on Compton Drive. A follow up meeting on March 1st is planned to share the survey results of this meeting with attendees and our community.

The Legacy Youth Catalyst Team is also partnering with community leaders and youth influencers to offer the Legacy Youth Leadership Institute for outstanding area youth, beginning this spring.

For more information about the Legacy Youth Initiative or to RSVP an area youth to participate, please call or text 417/598-1314 or email youth@ozarkmountainlegacy.org.