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## Teen PhilanthroParty Provides DuPage County Students a Virtual Opportunity to Connect and Make Changes

**DUPAGE COUNTY**—The DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team (PLT) and Reality Illinois (Reality) Teen Advisory Board are hosting the fourth annual Teen PhilanthroParty via Zoom on Tuesday, June 9 from 1-2 p.m.

A Teen PhilanthroParty is a party with a purpose and an opportunity for DuPage County high school students to connect and make positive changes in their community.

Usually, the PhilanthroParty is held in person to kick-off the Reality Advisory Board’s summer meeting series. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event will be held virtually with the theme “making change wherever you are.”

The event will educate teens on how to make an impact in their communities this summer, even if they are confined to their homes. Ideas for summer advocacy and philanthropy projects will be shared and encouraged. Two Reality Teen Advisory Board alumni will also be featured, Connor Cummings a junior at Notre Dame University and Justine Drake a junior at Drake University. Both will share lessons learned while working to create positive change as part of the advisory board and helpful tips to remember during high school and college.

“I’m so happy to be a presenter at this year’s PhilanthroParty! Participating in the past as a student, hearing how people are helping others in their communities and learning how to apply proactive solutions within your own life and community was always rewarding, motivating and very inspiring,” Drake said.

“The PLT and Reality had a positive impact not only on me and my pursuits, but also to many in our community. I’m thankful for the individuals in these organizations that work so hard to better society, and honored to speak at this year’s PhilanthroParty,” he said.

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Teens attending the virtual event will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win gift cards from Grubhub and Amazon.

To learn more about the Teen PhilanthroParty, PLT and the Reality Teen Advisory Board, visit <http://www.dupageplt.org/our-vision>.

*The DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team is a countywide community coalition working to prevent teen substance use in DuPage County. The Reality Teen Advisory Board is an extension of the Prevention Leadership Team and made up of DuPage County high school-aged teens. Reality is committed to positive youth development, preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, and mental wellness.*

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