Proclamation / Recognition #4

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 8, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of Andrew Fleming, a local 7-year-old, who will host a food drive for Fayette Samaritans on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Background/History/Details:

When six-year old Andrew Fleming's mother asked him what business he wanted to do for the summer last year, he said he wanted to help people. He started Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community, and he held a drive to collect items for the foster children of Bloom.

This year seven-year-old Andrew wants to help hungry children. He'll do just that by holding a food drive on Saturday, May10, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, to benefit Fayette Samaritans. And this time, he's got help in the form of a grant from the Sodexo Foundation.

Andrew is asking for the support of the community for this event. It will be held at Fayette Samaritans, 126 Hickory Road in Fayetteville (at the intersection of New Hope and Hickory Roads.) Please bring a canned good for admission.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community's
"Stamp Out Hunger"
Food Drive

Roughly one in four children in Georgia may not know where their next meal is coming from.

Join 7-year-old Andrew as he fights childhood hunger by hosting a food drive to benefit Fayette Samaritans.

Saturday, May 10, 2014
10:00am—12noon

Fayette Samaritans
126 Hickory Road, Fayetteville, GA
(At the intersection of New Hope and Hickory Roads)

One non-perishable item per person gains you admission!

PRIZE FOR THE PERSON WHO DONATES THE MOST ITEMS! MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Balloon Animals
Games
And more!

FAYETTE SAMARITANS

Fayette Samaritans provides food and clothing, along with financial assistance for selected emergency needs. They have been serving Fayette County residents for over 20 years.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
[***April 15, 2014***]

Seven-Year-Old Hosts His Second Charitable Event - A Food Drive to Fight Childhood Hunger

Fayetteville, GA, April 15, 2014 – Seven-year-old Andrew Fleming says no child should go to bed hungry. And thanks to a Sodexo Foundation Youth Grant, he's going to do his best to see that it doesn't happen. The first grader was awarded the grant through YSA (Youth Service America). The grant will support Andrew in leading a community service project that addresses the issue of childhood hunger.

His organization, Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community, will host a food drive to "Stamp Out Hunger", to benefit Fayette Samaritans. Fayette Samaritans provides food and clothing, along with financial assistance for selected emergency needs. They have been serving Fayette County residents for over 20 years.

The food drive will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 10am – 12noon, at Fayette Samaritans, 126 Hickory Road, Fayetteville; at the intersection of New Hope and Hickory Roads. This family community event will feature a balloon artist, games, information about fighting hunger in Georgia, and the opportunity to help one less child go without food.

One non-perishable item per person is required for admission to the Food Drive event, with a prize for the person who brings the most items (must be present to win).

One-hundred grants were awarded to youth-led projects that aim to reduce childhood hunger in local communities throughout America. Grantees educate and mobilize their peers around the issue, creating solutions to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants empower young people as problem-solvers working to improve the well-being and quality of life for their generation.

Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community was started by then 6-year-old Andrew last year, because he wanted to help people. Last year he collected truckloads of items to benefit the foster children of Bloom (formerly Fayette Youth Protection Homes). His goal this year is to help hungry children.

"As communities are challenged by the reduction in public resources, it makes our vision of a hunger-free America more difficult to attain," said Robert A. Stern, chair, Sodexo Foundation. "Each Sodexo Foundation Youth Grantee is doing their part to tackle an issue that directly affects one in five of their peers. It will be through their actions and ingenuity that we will one day see an end to childhood hunger in America."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FAYETTE COUNTY SIX-YEAR-OLD JUST WANTS TO HELP PEOPLE

July 10, 2013 (Fayetteville, GA) "Mommy, I want to collect things for the poor because I like helping people."

That was the answer given by 6-year-old Andrew Fleming when his mom asked what type of business he wanted to have for the summer. He decided to call his business "Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community". Then, he found just the organization to support – Fayette Youth Protection Homes (FYPH). This dynamic organization helps foster children in several Georgia counties. Andrew had an opportunity to visit their offices in Fayetteville, and knew he wanted to help bring smiles to those children's faces.

Andrew already has the support of a local business, Upscale Pizza. Founded by Chick-fil-A CEO S. Truett Cathy, Upscale Pizza is very active in the Fayette Community. The pizzeria will open its doors to host a drive to collect items to donate to the foster children of FYPH. The wish list of items is attached.

Whether it's through giving children clothes, toys, school supplies, baby gear and hygiene items, or providing a safe haven with a warm place to sleep, FYPH is there. FYPH opened the Jim Friday Home in Fayette County in August, 1989, and a second facility, the Asden Johnson Home located in Brooks, GA, opened in August, 1998. The two were combined in 2005 to form the Friday-Johnson home in Brooks, GA. Along with Gracie's Closet, which is the resource arm of FYPH, approximately 300 foster children are served annually.

Spread the word out about this inspiring event. The drive will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2013, from 4pm – 8pm, at Upscale Pizza, 180 GA 314, in Fayetteville. Come have a great meal, bring an item to help the foster children, and support a 6-year-old boy's vision of truly having a fun and helpful community.

About Andrew Fleming

Andrew Fleming is a rising First Grader at Landmark Christian School. He loves to read, and enjoys baseball, basketball, drawing and writing.

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Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community

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That was the answer given by 6-year-old Andrew when his mom asked what type of business he wanted to have for the summer. Andrew wanted to make a difference in the lives of others.

He will do it by supporting Fayette Youth Protection Homes. This organization helps foster children in several Georgia counties.

How can you get involved? Join Andrew's Fun & Helpful Community at Upscale Pizza, 180 GA Hwy 314 in Fayetteville, on Saturday, August 3, from 4pm—8pm.

He'll be collecting needed items for foster children. See the Wish List (to the right) for details. Come support these children, and encourage Andrew in his dream for a fun and helpful community.

Fayette Youth Protection Homes (FYPH) takes great pride in helping area foster children. Whether it's through giving children clothes, toys, school supplies, baby gear and hygiene items, or providing a safe haven with a warm place to sleep, FYPH is there.

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FAYETTE YOUTH PROTECTION HOMES WISH LIST

- Diapers, especially larger sizes
- Diaper wipes
- New or gently used shoes and clothing (sizes infant—5T, especially boys items needed)
- Baby powder, lotion, diaper rash ointment, infant shampoo
- Baby blankets, baby linens
- Baby bottles, sippy cups, bibs, pacifiers (new)
- Toys
- Children's books
- Monetary donations are also welcome