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The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) Awarded Funding from AmeriCorps to Implement COVID Recovery Initiatives throughout Peoria and Tazewell Counties.

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Peoria, Ill. November 2, 2021 – The Center for Youth and Family Solutions, announced today that it has received a two-year \$250,000 grant from the federal AmeriCorps Seniors Program to recruit, train, and place volunteers for various COVID-19 Community Recovery initiatives. According to CYFS Director of Community Development Jeff Turnbull, “The Center for Youth and Family Solutions is pleased to be able to take an active role in developing and securing resources to assist in the COVID Recovery efforts in both Peoria and Tazewell counties. Our priority will be recruiting one hundred volunteers who will provide relief support in two primary areas. The first will be assisting local health departments, health care providers, and health service organizations in promoting and providing vaccinations and health education programs. The second will be to recruit volunteers to assist food banks, food pantries, and agencies providing meals to individuals and neighborhoods experiencing a lack of food resources due to the pandemic.”

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions is committed to nurturing and preserving a culture of inclusion and connectedness and welcomes anyone interested in serving as a volunteer for this project to contact CYFS Director of Community Development at (309) 323-6620 or by e-mail to jturnbull@cyfsolutions.org.

All recruited volunteers will be fully trained, provided necessary personal protective equipment, receive travel reimbursement, and will be invited monthly group sessions to discuss the progress in the recovery efforts.

CYFS is a not-for-profit social services agency that works with families who have been impacted by trauma, grief and loss, abuse and neglect, and other significant family life challenges. The organization provides foster care and adoption services; behavioral health counseling; crisis pregnancy counseling; intact family intervention; residential services for youth; senior services; and youth, family, and community outreach services. Its mission is to engage and serve children and families in need with dignity, compassion, and respect by building upon individual and community strengths to resolve life challenges. **CYFS has 11 offices across Illinois, and annually serves over 4,000 individuals in the Peoria area, 8,000 families in 37 counties, and over 20,000 individuals statewide.**

For more information on The Center for Youth and Family Solutions, please visit www.cyfsolutions.org or contact Celeste Matheson at 309-323-6619.

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