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The City of Hollywood Youth Ambassadors search for ways to improve and grow our community. In light of the recent events in the world, including our neighboring City High School Marjory Stoneman Douglas, our attention of tragedy hit home. It made us realize the value of community and focus on how to unite and promote positivity throughout. The FLC Youth Council Community Service Project inspired our minds and challenged our group on what we can do and what positive impact it can have on our community. Our group decided to host a random act of kindness event at our local city park. Our theme was quite simple. "Hollywood's Happy Day" and our goal exemplified our theme. We wanted to promote random acts of kindness and the power of positivity by expressions of thankfulness and kindness while bringing people together. We focused on sharing a smile, handshake, and how a friendly hello can go such a long way and truly make a difference.

To organize our event we had minimal time so we really had to put it in gear. Days prior to the event, we promoted the event by holding a sign on busy intersections that read "honk if you're happy" the participation from drivers was amazing. Days prior we worked with Commissioners, Police officers, Parks and Recreation staff and stage crews to arrange the booking and set up of our event. The City's Office of Communications and Economic Development helped to promote our event through social media. We passed out over 300 flyers prior to the event to encourage local businesses, residents and local schools to come out and participate.

The day of our event each ambassador wore a bright yellow smiley face T-shirt as they made their friendly rounds in the park inviting all to attend. Blank Post-It notes were passed out encouraging guests to write a word of kindness and place it on a larger poster board to share with others to continue promoting strength and unity within our community. City Commissioners and the Chief of Police were introduced and offered a few words of support for our efforts. The crowd grew through the evening while the DJ played music, performers sang, some danced, rapped and spoke. The evening's vibe of music, sound of laughter and sense of warmth emerged from the crowd. Near the end of the evening we provided glow sticks to everyone in attendance and asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims and their families from Marjory Stoneman Douglas along with our very own recent passing of a City of Hollywood Firefighter. A local high school music teacher closed the night with the song Hallelujah.

The Hollywood Youth Ambassadors, along with City officials, staff and most importantly our community, pulled off a fantastic community event. Our goal to promote unity and kindness was successful. We will continue to spread kindness which will continue to build a strong sense of community that everyone should have and deserves.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to providing municipal services for our diverse community in an atmosphere of cooperation, courtesy and respect. We do this by ensuring all who live, work and play in the City of Hollywood enjoy a high quality of life.

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Below is the link to the Hollywood Youth Ambassador's video to be added to the submission of their 2018 Youth Ambassador Community Service Project.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5n_BIXEI3VA