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### **Teen Symposium to be held February 21, 2017**

United Way Fox Cities and the YMCA of the Fox Cities announce that Teen Symposium 2017 will be held on February 21 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Teen Symposium is a youth empowering leadership event for students in ninth grade. Teen Symposium brings together over 350 high school students and over 40 committed adults in an effort to build better schools and communities through leadership development and community engagement.

The theme is “Be Somebody who Makes Everybody Feel like a Somebody” Kid President. Action Plans for the conference will focus on inclusivity and kindness. Participants will do a card writing project for the following:

- Operation Gratitude for Service men and women
- Teens in foster care through the Card Shower Project
- Cards for hospitalized children

EJ Carrion, CEO of Student Success Agency, and author of *Accelerate Your Success* will present the morning keynote. Mr. Carrion’s presentation is being underwritten with a grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region. Mary Simonis, a six year military veteran, and leadership talent for her own company *Resilient Redhead*, will provide the afternoon keynote.

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