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DONATE TO SKATE

Benefit for the Youth Crisis Center in Parsons

Parsons, KS- Students enrolled in a public relations class at Labette Community College are combining efforts with area businesses to raise cash donations and household items for the Youth Crisis Center in Parsons, KS. "Donate to Skate" will be held Sunday, April 19, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Silver Wheels Roller Rink located at 225 North 10th Street in Parsons. Participants will enjoy skating games, glow in the dark skating, and concessions. A bounce house, courtesy of Kurt Friess of Inflatables-to-Go, will provide additional outdoor entertainment. Area youth are encouraged to attend and donate a household item or pay a \$4 entry.

The Center's current needs include non-perishable food items, toiletry items, paper goods, cleaning supplies, school supplies, boys' socks and underwear, twin size bedding and financial contributions. Brenda Martin, manager of residential services at the Center said, "Some of these boys come in with just the clothes on their backs." Each boy who walks into the YCC is provided clean socks, underwear, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and many other necessity items. "We need everything and anything you find in any regular household."

The Youth Crisis Center is a nonprofit organization serving the Parsons community since 1981. According to their website, the Youth Crisis Center serves non-violent juvenile offenders ages 6 years old and older and serves as a shelter and temporary care facility for neglected and abused children and adolescents.

Individuals who are unable to attend the event, but wish to make a donation can visit the YCC at 1915 Crawford in Parsons or donate items in designated drop boxes located at the LCC Print Shop, Dollar General, Walgreens, and Wesley United Methodist Church located in Parsons. For additional information about the event visit labette.edu and click on the link "Donate to Skate" or contact LCC Communication Instructor, Tonya Bell at tonyab@labette.edu or call 620-820-1121.