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### Opportunities to Help Others Defined

Every child and youth needs and deserves the chance to make a difference – in their families, schools, communities, nation and world – through having models of caring behavior, awareness of the needs of others, a sense of personal responsibility to contribute to the larger society and opportunities for volunteering, leadership and service.

- *According to the National Promises Study, nearly half of our children ages 6 to 17 lack the activities and role models that we regard as opportunities to make a difference through helping others.\**
- *One-third of young people say they lack adult role models who volunteer and help others.\**

### KEY INDICATORS:

These five indicators provide a gauge as to whether young people are experiencing opportunities to make a difference through helping others.

- Adult models of volunteering, including parents
- Peer models of volunteering
- Parental civic engagement
- Family conversations about current events
- Youth given useful roles in schools and communities

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***Use the “Sharing Your Community Conversation” sheets in the Tool Kit to capture the answers to these questions ...***

How is this promise being delivered in Dubuque County? Who is delivering it?

- What groups or individuals are helping to deliver this promise?
- What are some success stories you know about?
- Why is it working?

Where are we falling short as a community in delivering this promise?

- What’s not working?
- Where are the gaps?
- Is there duplication?
- What’s missing in our community?

How can you make a difference? How can you deliver this promise?

- What can you as an individual do?
- What can a group or groups do?
- Who should step up to deliver this promise in our community?

What are the most urgent needs in our community?

- *Thirty-seven percent of youth respondents in Dubuque County reported that they spent NO time outside of school in other activities of any kind.†*
- *Twenty-five percent of the youth surveyed felt that a lack of constructive activities and places to be with friends foster a tendency toward misbehaviors.†*

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