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**LIVE UNITED YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE**

Two Live United Youth Council members will attend a briefing and discussion on in-and out-of-school supports for student success at The White House on Friday, September 6, 2013 at 2:30pm. Emily Flatt and Gracen Wood, Columbus High School seniors, will attend the Student United Way Leadership Retreat in Alexandria, VA, September 6-8, which is funded through a grant. They will be accompanied by United Way staff, Candace Poole, campaign associate, and Brittney Barefield, accountant.

The Public Policy team at United Way Worldwide has worked with their contacts in Washington, DC to secure a briefing at the White House detailing the current administration's work to improve education in local communities. They will depart as a group from United Way Worldwide on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. After the briefing, they will go back to United Way Worldwide to kick off the retreat.

The Student United Way Leadership Retreat is the annual gathering of student leaders, United Way staff, and university advisers from across the network. It's an opportunity for students to gain valuable leadership skills, discover their potential to create positive change in their communities, and forge lasting relationships with each other and United Way.

The Live United Youth Council (LUYC) is comprised of high school juniors and seniors attending schools in our area. United Way staff is in the process of reviewing applications for the third year of LUYC.

**About the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley**

*United Way improves lives and builds a stronger community by bringing people and resources together from across the Chattahoochee Valley region to improve Education, Income, Health and Basic Needs of all. United Way partners with 26 agencies providing 50 programs in Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Stewart, Talbot, and Taylor Counties in Georgia and Russell County in Alabama.*

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