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NEWS RELEASE

Promising Men Mentorship Program Looks to Expand

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(Youngstown) - Making “school cool again” is one of the goals of the Kool Boiz Foundation – the lead partner in United Way’s Promising Men Mentorship Program. Promising Men pairs successful, caring African American and Hispanic men with boys grades 5-7th to provide support, expose them to a better way, establish expectations, hold them accountable, and provide encouragement.

The program was piloted last spring at the Youngstown Community School with 9 boys and 9 mentors taking part. It included field trips to Dearing Compressor and Pump and to Youngstown State University. This year the program will grow to 20 boys and 20 men at YCS and a second program is expected to kick off at Taft Elementary in January. The Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown is also a primary partner and this year Youngstown State University athletes will also take part. The program is looking for additional men to volunteer an hour a week of their time to the program.

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