



**NORTHAMPTON YOUTH COMMISSION**  
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Good morning,

My name is Lauren Savoy; I work with the Northampton Youth Commission out of the mayor's office in Northampton. I work with an amazing group of high school students. The Northampton Youth Commission serves to create a means of communication between city leaders and young people in Northampton. The Northampton Youth Commission is a group of young people between the ages of 13 - 18 who are interested in working to improve the lives of young people in the community by discussing issues of concern and working to provide solutions.

This fall the commissioners identified a need to create a youth center in Northampton. A safe supervised, drug free and seriously fun place for middle school teens to hang out. To raise funds for this cause the Northampton youth commission has created the MAINEVENT benefit concert. An event by teens for teens. That is that with minimal help from myself this group of high school students has rented a venue, auditioned bands and will be staffing this event.

I was hoping that you could support all of their hard work and perhaps do a short article about the event and what they are doing.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

**Lauren Savoy**

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