



October 8, 2007

Community Member:

How many times have you said to yourself, *“If I were in charge, this is what I would do...”* or *“If I could change one thing it would be...”*? **If these thoughts have crossed your mind even once in relation to our community or our youth and the programs/activities available in Gridley, the Youth First Vision Team is for you.** This is an exciting time to get involved if you are not already participating.

On behalf of Youth First we are extending a personal invitation to you to attend the upcoming Youth First Vision Team Meeting. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 24, 2007 from 7:00– 8:00 pm at the Sycamore School library.**

Youth First is based on identifying the strengths of Gridley’s youth, supporting them and seeing them as resources. This organization has been a catalyst for a number of worthwhile and progressive events in our community. This year alone, Youth First has sponsored a “Keep the Peace-Alternatives to Gang Life” forum, youth participation at Red Suspender’s Day, the distribution and collection of the Gridley Community Survey, (the results of which will be presented soon to our community) and the continued teaching of the “40 Developmental Assets” within the Gridley School District.

Please **plan to bring your vision** of an improved Gridley, as it relates to youth and join us for an exciting hour of discussion and action.

If you have any questions or transportation needs, please contact Christine Havens, Youth First Coordinator, at 530-846-0887 or [chavens1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chavens1@sbcglobal.net).

See you on October 24<sup>th</sup> –

Sincerely,

Christine Havens

Clark Redfield

Gary Keeler

Joe Proudfoot

Pedro Mota

### **Vision Team Mtg. Agenda**

Report on Youth First Successes-

1. “Keep the Peace-Alternative to Gangs”
2. Community Survey
3. Cesar Chavez mural

On-going Projects Report-

1. Speaker’s Bureau
2. Family Night
3. Gang Awareness Program

Proposed New Projects

1. Scholarships for youth to participate in community programs
2. Mentoring Project
3. TBA

