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## **Virtual town hall held to hear from Georgetown youth**

The City of Georgetown and The Georgetown Project are hosting a virtual Youth Town Hall for community youth from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, via Zoom to connect with 2021 Global Youth Service Day activities worldwide. The town hall is open to all Georgetown residents in grades 8 to 12.

The virtual Georgetown Youth Town Hall will feature teens from around the Georgetown community sharing their experiences and perspectives of the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges they perceive or experience in their academic and personal lives, and barriers for youth to participation in community service and event opportunities.

“We are ecstatic to have this opportunity to connect with the brilliant young minds here in Georgetown, and I can’t wait to hear what feedback, perspectives, and ideas they have to help make Georgetown a place they’re always proud to call home,” Mayor Josh Schroeder said. “We know we need to do a better job reaching out to and hearing from the youth in our community, so we hope any parents, guardians, family members, and teachers who see this will help us spread the word to bring as many of the next generation to the table as possible.”

Community leaders supporting the youth panel during the town hall include Georgetown Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Pitts, City Manager David Morgan, Police Chief Wayne Nero, The Georgetown Project CEO Leslie Janca, and other caring adults who work with youth across the community.

Town hall audience members will also have opportunities to interact with the youth panel through real-time polls and conversation. It will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

“Providing the spaces and supports for the youth voice in our community was a founding principle of The Georgetown Project when our organization was created 24 years ago and remains a strategic priority today,” Janca said. “Engaging our youngest citizens in community issues important to them builds future-ready skills and important developmental relationships. We are thankful for our longtime partnership with the City of Georgetown in offering community-wide youth leadership and service opportunities.”

During the town hall, The Georgetown Project will launch a survey to learn more about issues important to the youth in Georgetown. The digital survey will be open for about a month and will be posted to the project website.

For more information on meeting, please visit  
<https://georgetownproject.org/youth-town-hall/>

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*Georgetown: A caring community honoring our past and innovating for the future*

*The Georgetown Project Vision: Georgetown is a community where no child is hungry, hurt, alone or rejected, and where all children and youth feel loved, respected and treated with dignity.*