

December 1, 2017

Dear Community Member,

Perhaps you have heard of the exciting collaborative effort taking place between the Ellsworth High School and UW-Extension Pierce County, 'Reality Check'. On Wednesday, February 7th, approximately 150 Ellsworth high school students will participate in the 2nd annual "Reality Check!" event. This interactive financial reality simulation helps students get a feel for life on their own. At the event, students are given a simulated paycheck with a monthly wage and are randomly assigned marital status, parenthood, and credit card debt. After going to "Uncle Sam," who deducts taxes from their gross income, students must complete a number of financial transactions to make it through a typical month. They purchase housing, utilities, insurance, groceries, cars, childcare, gasoline, and more from booths staffed by volunteers. As one student shared, "It was a wake-up call. Life's expensive."

It takes a dedicated planning committee and over 100 enthusiastic community and local business volunteers to create this learning opportunity. Your name/organization has been recommended as an important potential partner for this event. On behalf of the "Reality Check" Planning Committee, I am pleased to personally invite you to be a part of "Reality Check 2018". This event is not possible without the help of volunteers like you! We hope you'll be able to join us as a volunteer at this annual financial reality event for Ellsworth High School students.

If you are able to attend this event, please complete the enclosed form and return it via mail or email by January 1st. We look forward to this event, and hope that you are able to be a part of this impactful educational experience. Your support helps make this a successful learning experience for students. Also, please feel free to share this information with colleagues and fellow community members- we are looking for additional volunteers.

We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,



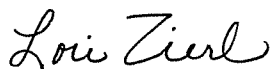
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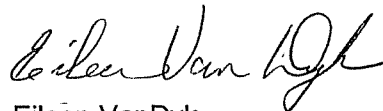
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I am able to volunteer- please sign me up!

If you are able to volunteer, please complete the information below and **return this form as soon as possible** to Katie Feuerhelm, UW-Extension, 412 West Kinne Street, P.O. Box 69, Ellsworth WI 54011; OR e-mail: kathryn.feuerhelm@ces.uwex.edu

We expect the schedule for the day to run from 11:30-3:00pm for students, with volunteers arriving around 10:00am for set-up and a quick orientation. Lunch will be provided. Thank you for your support!

Contact Information:

Name	
Business (if any)	
Daytime Phone	
Email	
Address	
Permission to take and share photos: (Signature Required)	

Please feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested in helping.

Preferred table(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> No preference/put me where needed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Uncle Sam - taxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Automobile dealer
<input type="checkbox"/> Investments	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Memberships	<input type="checkbox"/> Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies	<input type="checkbox"/> Exit Table
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics	<input type="checkbox"/> SOS-help manage money
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<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Job center	<input type="checkbox"/> Child support	<input type="checkbox"/> Fate
<input type="checkbox"/> Charitable contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Automobile fuel	<input type="checkbox"/> Groceries	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal & household
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media	Other: _____

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