

Bloomington United for Youth (BUY)

BOX CITY VIGIL

Friday, MAY 20th, 2016

7:00pm thru 7:00am Saturday, May 21st, 2016

****Your registration form at the end of this packet MUST be completed to attend
(forms due May 9th)**

WHERE: Oak Grove Presbyterian Church (Oasis for Youth)

2200 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, 55431

See map. Marker where the event will be located and P for parking options (you
CANNOT park in the church lot for safety reasons during the event)

PARKING: You can park at Washburn-McReavy Funeral home, Bloomington Town Hall
Museum, Bloomington Public Health/DMV or Creekside Community Center (all near the
church on Old Shakopee or Penn Av). There will be a designated drop off zone on Penn Av
near
the church. **Parking is limited, so carpools or family drop-off/pick-up is recommended.**

REGISTRATION:

In order to participate in Box City Vigil 2016, we ask that you register by May 9th. IF you
are unable to register in advance please bring the form and your \$5 to the event by 9pm.
T-shirts are only available to advance registrants!!

****Your registration is completed once you have turned in the registration form on Page 5 along**

MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL COST: Box City t-shirt \$10.00 (total fee is \$15 - registration and
t-shirt)**

Cash accepted or checks payable to Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) with this form. Please
note "Box City Vigil" in the memo line of the check.

Schedule for the evening (approximate):

5:00-7:00pm Build your cardboard shelter for the evening. REMEMBER YOUR BOXES

7:00 – Welcome from BUY co-chairs, City officials, Oasis staff and/or youth

7:30 – 10:30 Speakers, live music, other entertainment...

11:00 - Pizza

12:30am - BEC-TV “YRU Up” live

6:30am - Bagels

7:00am – clean up your cardboard and the area. Thank-you for your support and awareness!

DONATIONS WANTED!! BUY is holding this event to raise awareness to youth

homelessness, especially in our Bloomington/south suburban area. Please consider making an **additional donation to Oasis for Youth** to help with their outreach and support to homeless youth in Bloomington; and to ultimately achieve their goal of opening a Bloomington youth homeless shelter for safe housing for teens in our community. Cash donations are accepted, but even better is a check made payable to Oasis for Youth with “donation” in the memo line.

Registration covers the cost of snacks, water, hot chocolate and pizza to be served at the event.

FAQs:

Q: What is Box City Vigil?

A: Box City Vigil is an activity sponsored by Bloomington United for Youth (BUY). It's an opportunity open to anyone interested in raising awareness for teen homelessness in the Bloomington area. This event supports Oasis for Youth which is a drop in support center for homeless youth. At Box City, you can experience some of the challenges homeless teens face everyday by creating a temporary shelter out of a cardboard box and face the elements overnight. This event is held in the parking lot of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington.

Q: What will we be doing all night?

A: Speakers that themselves have been homeless youth, musicians or other entertainment from Bloomington high schools, participating in a live broadcast by BEC-TV YRU Up with activities are only some of what will happen. You can also bring your own games to keep busy through the night in your cardboard home.

Q: Is it safe to be there all night?

A: Extremely! We will have one adult chaperone for every 15 students attending, in addition to Bloomington Police officers regularly patrolling the area.

Q: Do I need to bring my own box?

A: Please! We will have some boxes, but it is difficult to provide enough for everyone (especially for those who arrive later). Also you will need to provide your own duct tape to connect your cardboard and a tarp(s) to keep dry is strongly recommended (even if it does not rain, the dew collects on your box).

**Please note that no tents, stakes, or attaching/resting anything on trees, bushes, etc. are allowed.

Q: What do I do with my box?

A: You create it any way you would like! Bring duct tape, tarps, and other decorative items. It will be your home for over 12 hours and it is where you will be placing all of your possessions, so try to keep it as waterproof as possible.

Q: What happens if it rains/snows/the weather drastically changes?

A: Unless there is an extremely severe storm (hail, tornado, tsunami, tidal wave, etc), we will persevere all night! Be prepared! In case of severe weather we would move indoors to the church; but if it is just raining or cold we will remain outside!

Q: What should I bring?

A: Water bottle, sleeping bag (the boxes will be on pavement), blanket, clothes suited for all weather conditions (umbrella, rain jacket, hand warmers, snow boots, rain boots, hat, gloves, etc), duct tape, insect repellent and any personal items you will need.

Q: Are restrooms available?

A: The restrooms in the basement of Oak Grove Presbyterian are open for use. HOWEVER, you are not allowed to loiter in the stairwell, entry, bathroom or downstairs hallway. The building is ONLY open for restroom use. The purpose of this event is to be aware of how hard it is to be homeless. If you are inside for longer than to go to the bathroom or change clothes, you will be not getting the full potential out of Box City.

Q: Is it fun?

A: Box City Vigil is the best event in the world! It's an opportunity to have an amazing experience with all of your friends while getting educated on a serious issue in society.

Q: Where should I park?

A: You can park in the funeral home, Old Town Hall Museum, Civic Plaza, Public Health/DMV or Creekside Community Center lots which are all near the church.

Q: When should I sign up by?

A: If you want a t-shirt you must turn in your registration form and \$15 by May 9th. You can still register after that or at the event, but it makes planning for food very difficult.

Q: Can I donate items?

A: Money is the strongest need at Oasis so they can use it to buy personal supplies, bus passes, Target cards or other needs for the youth they serve. All donations are encouraged! We also will be collecting personal hygiene items (i.e. shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc) as donations.

More Questions? email eiswc170@isd271.org

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REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL

My payment of _____ dollars is included. I understand that if I do not pay at least \$15 I will

not receive a t-shirt. My Initials here indicate this understanding _____

_____ Cash _____ Check Check Number: _____

Please make all registration and t-shirt fee checks out to "Bloomington United for Youth" with "Box City Vigil" written on the memo line. Attach to this form. Cash is also accepted, but is not Donation checks can be made out to "Oasis for Youth" with donation indicated in the memo line.

Note: We want as many participants as possible to help raise awareness and have fun! We would hate for you to miss out! If you cannot make the required payment there is a financial aid option available. Please check here if you desire financial aid _____ so the committee can consider your request and contact you.

**So we can order the correct amount of food, you are strongly encouraged to turn this form in by May 9th; but it is still accepted the following week or in worst-case scenario the night of the event. If you do not turn it in by May 9th, you will not receive a 2016 BCV shirt. Walk-in registration with a signed form is also permitted until 9pm. Please share this form with friends by directing them to the BUY website to print out the registration and get it signed in advance www.bloomingtonyouth.org

Emergency Contacts (you must list two, one may be your parent or guardian, both must be over

Name: _____ Primary Phone: _____ Secondary: _____

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By signing here, I, _____ (parent/guardian name) agree to take full responsibility for _____'s (first and last name of attendee) actions and agree that he/she will abide by all Oak Grove Presbyterian Church/BUY rules.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(required if participant is under 18 years of age)

-- sign photo release on the reverse side ---

Photo Release: I hereby give permission for images of myself/my child, captured during events related to the BUY 2016 Box City Vigil through television, video, phone or digital camera photo to be used solely for the purpose of Box City Vigil promotional material, publications or website, and waive any rights of ownership or compensation thereto.

Name of Participant:

Name of Parent:

Signature of Participant: _____ Date:

(Parent or Legal Guardian if participant is not yet 18)