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## **Wilson-Gray YMCA Y-TIP program for teens receives \$5,000 grant from The Fund for Greater Hartford**

**Hartford, CT** – The Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth & Family Center received a \$5,000 gift from The Fund for Greater Hartford to support its Y-TIP program, which helps underserved teens succeed in school by providing the knowledge, skills, and tools to increase academic success. Y-TIP is unique in that it provides an incentive to youth to do well in school and become engaged in their community. Participants earn a free Y membership. To retain their memberships, students earn points monthly by maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA, participating in monthly community service, and engaging in other Y programs. Students who earn more than 10 points per month are able to purchase items, including field trips, movie tickets, and healthy meals.

"Hartford teens and their families are building a stronger future through participation in Y-TIP. We are grateful to The Fund for Greater Hartford for its support of this innovative program that helps individual kids prepare for careers and become role models in their neighborhoods and community," said Clinton Hamilton, executive director of the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth & Family Center.

The Fund for Greater Hartford provides thought leadership and financial support to nonprofit organizations and collaborations that apply best practices to their work and demonstrate measurable outcomes.

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