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United Way of the Greater Triangle expresses support for the **Strategic Goals** and **High Five Actions** of Youth Thrive. By working collectively toward these goals and engaging in these actions, our community can improve outcomes for Wake County youth.

These **goals** include:

- 95% of third grade students read on grade level
- 95% of students graduate high school ready for college and career
- Eliminate youth bullying and suicides

High Five Actions:

1. Collect and Share Data:
 - a. Administer a survey to youth on outcomes in the Blueprint
 - b. Measure and provide data on program capacity and participation
2. Ensure all staff in the organization are trained in Mental Health First Aid and attend at least one additional Youth Thrive networking event.
3. Participate in local Bullying Prevention Initiatives.
4. Provide support for school readiness, summer learning retention, and increased school attendance.
5. Promote access to college by working to ensure that by 9th grade, all students have the opportunity to visit at least one college.

This work aligns with the *United Way's Community Action Plan*, especially regarding educational equity and success. We support the positive impact these goals and actions will have on the community, both now and for years to come. Furthermore, we support these efforts by continuing to provide in-kind and financial support to Youth Thrive.

Sincerely,



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