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Impact Poverty Holds First Meeting

Paducah, KY-June 11, 2010- The Impact Poverty Task Force held its first meeting Friday, June 11 at the McCracken County School System Board of Education. The group became acquainted with one another and shared their personal interests related to the group's mission.

One member shared that the impoverished children she works with express less hope than her former hospice patients. This startling statement resonated with the group and affirmed everyone's commitment to the Task Force.

The next Impact Poverty meeting will be dedicated to data related to potential causes and effects of poverty in Paducah and McCracken County as well as trends in the number of people in poverty. The group brainstormed the types of data they would like to analyze which included statistics related to crime and poverty, high school drop-out rates, and how Paducah and McCracken County statistics compare to communities of equal size.

The goal of Impact Poverty is to develop a 10-Year Plan to reduce poverty in Paducah and McCracken County and break the cycle of generational poverty for its citizens. The United Way of Paducah-McCracken County is spearheading this effort.

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