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To Whom It May Concern:

YOUTH ASPECT:

The Sullivan County Long Beards is a NYS designated not for profit 501(c)3 organization and is also a Registered NYS Charitable organization. We hold several events throughout the year. These events are mainly focused on environmental education for youth and are FREE to anyone attending. At our events we have educational workshops; i.e. in 2011 we had a Civil War Demonstration; Indian Demonstration; Bird house building seminar; animal pelt demonstration; wood carving; free food, and prizes. We also have members who have made it their mission to hold hunter education classes in order to educate persons who would like to learn how to hunt responsibly. Membership for our JAKES program is not required. We call our youth members JAKES which stands for Juniors, Acquiring, Knowledge, Ethics & Sportsmanship. We feel that we have been successful in this endeavor as we now have some of the older youth who have been with us for a while volunteer their time to help at our events. This is truly an attitude of giving back. We have also been giving 2 Scholarships every year to graduating Sullivan County Youth. In the schools of Sullivan County we have "Education Boxes" which we give to the teachers to explain the life and habitat of the Wild Turkey. We have also given seminars, when requested, on this topic. This year through our involvement in the New York State Chapter of the NWTF, we pushed for implementation of the JAKE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM which acknowledges youth who give back to their communities by special recognition at the State Banquet and provide a weekend for them and their family to be present at the NYS Annual Banquet. This years' winner was one of our own local boys Ethan Morgan who became the 1st ever JAKE OF THE YEAR for all of NYS.

CHARITIES:

Since 2002, we have also implemented the "Turkey Hunters Care" program and have increased the amount of turkey given to the needy residents of Sullivan County every year. In 2011 we gave away 210 Turkeys to these families. We also donate to the "Toys 4 Tots" program. We are active associate members of the Veterans Coalition of Sullivan County. We have implemented a "Habitat Program", which consists of free corn seed and apple trees to adult members requesting them to feed the wild life of this county. Our JAKE OF THE YEAR has committed himself to creating a Beautify America project, with our help, by purchasing and potting young oak trees to be distributed to the youth of Sullivan County at both our event and the SC Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs youth event.

We do all of these things and more in order to preserve the wild life of this county and to get and keep our children interested in nature and also to educate them about community responsibility. We feel that if we are successful, we should retain more of our youth to the county.