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**Issue** The problem that was identified by our Project Citizen group was the lack of PILOT PRIDE in our community. There is a disconnect between our town and the school system. Due to an increase level of poverty and a decrease in population, few parents are involved in the school system. Our sports teams often have few people in the stands, and our students do very little to give back to the community.

**Project Description** P3 - Pilot Pride, Pay-It-Forward - was created to promote Pilot Pride between our school system and the community. The plan was to instill PILOT PRIDE by promoting activities to join our students and the community in an effort to grow stronger as the city of Hickman. P3 first contacted the local SBDM, the governing body of our school, to create our new club. Once established, we created bylaws for our group. Our goal was to have ongoing projects for our school and community. The club collected canned goods for our local mission house by involving all students in the district for our first project. Next, a Poster Party was announced to promote our athletes in the various sports by having students design and create team posters to hang around the school. We also had a local church burn down in our community, and the club worked with an outside agency to help while they were rebuilding. Club members served food, cleaned areas, and restocked the bathrooms while a group from Carpenters for Christ was staying in our school over the summer to help with this rebuilding process. Our plan is to continue to create and design projects that will promote a sense of PRIDE in our COMMUNITY!

**Project Outcome** During our Can Food Drive, we had a good turnout from our elementary students but not our high school. More activities are planned for this school year such as a "RACK Day" which stands for Random Acts of Community Kindness" where high school students are challenged to perform acts of kindness throughout the community. As we grow in numbers, we want our results to improve!

**Request** We would welcome any ideas or feedback to help promote our organization so that we can continue to make our community a place where everyone wants to live.