**Discussion Points from Civic Dinner, Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

Model the recovery community – provide non-judgmental assistance, encouragement, support meetings, etc for community members

Offer parenting classes to include learning skills, and to address accountability and structured home life; encourage parent involvement

Make classes accessible to all

Mentoring – to include adult to child/young adult and peer-to-peer encouragement and counseling

Grandparents face a generational gap. They need mentoring for the grandchildren they are raising to show the young people a different way of life. (break the cycle)

Some members of the community, especially seniors and those providing kinship care, often have a feeling of hopelessness and loneliness

Lack of sense of community, offer events for local people

Senior population is invisible

Many in community are housebound with no transportation, contributing to the hopelessness and loneliness and feeling of lack of community

Where are the resources? Why so many forms at agencies/organizations asking the same info and making application for resources difficult? Lengthy and difficult procedure for receiving services

After school programs outside of school - \*not affiliated with school

Affordable activities for teens

Mental health resources, especially for teens

Prevalence of drugs in the community and ways to let the children know they are not the problem

Foster homes desperately needed

Assistance for parents who are working in shifts (one parent working day, one evening/night) in order to avoid the high cost of childcare

Affordable housing

Transportation

Child Care

Great need for feminine products

Legal help for divorce/child support issues