

# CITY OFFICIALS PROVIDE *BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE* TO RUSHVILLE FOURTH GRADERS

*Life lessons, wise decision making taught through examples*

**Rushville, Ind. – April 6, 2017** – Through a collection of age-appropriate stories, thought-provoking questions, character statements and journal topics provided in *Be the Best You Can Be*, area fourth graders have a resource to help them develop good character traits, thanks to the book giveaway by City officials.

According to Mayor Mike Pavey, whose administration led the effort in providing every Rushville fourth grader with his or her own book, the overall goal is about developing future community leaders.

“Our youth are the future promise of Rushville. We owe it to our young residents to not only lead by example, but give them resources they can reference about wise decision making and how to be caring, contributing members for our city and to their fellow community residents,” Pavey said. “*Be the Best You Can Be* is designed to help our future leaders develop and hone values such as honesty, integrity, responsibility, respect and compassion for themselves and for others. We want them to have a strong foundation of quality decision making while adopting consistent good behavior and treatment of others.”

The books were funded through the promotional line item within the City’s budget.

The book includes a greeting from Pavey who emphasizes that doing the “right thing” isn’t always the easiest choice, but it is always the best choice to make. Former Rushville mayor and Rushville Police Department DARE Officer Bob Bridges shares a four-step process for making critical choices in his message at the front of the book. In his message, Police Chief Craig Tucker offers encouraging words to the students about rising to the challenges of life.

A simple survey form also is included with each book copy, asking students to provide feedback on what they learned from the four stories within the book. Each story presents a challenging situation faced by a young person. The remainder of each story outlines how the young people overcame the challenge, who helped them and what they learned from their experience.

Officials in other Indiana counties have distributed *Be the Best You Can Be* to their local students, including Shelby and Hancock counties.

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