



Announcement

Amherst Named 100 Best Communities for Young People

**Amherst Named One of
2011 100 Best Communities for Young People
by America's Promise Alliance and ING**

Amherst has been selected out of 300 entries as one of America's Promise Alliance 2011 100 Best Communities for Young People, a national competition to recognize local communities' programs and initiatives aimed at supporting youth.



Amherst was selected as a 100 Best Community as one of the nation's best places for young people because of its emphasis on exemplary volunteer initiatives, such as the Amherst Youth Engaged in Service and the Amherst Youth Consortium. Amherst exemplifies excellence when dealing with the special needs of developmentally disabled youth. School and community work together to provide each child a positive experience inside and out of school through social recreation programs, integrating youth with special needs into a mainstream social setting. Amherst is also supporting the health and safety of its youth with an initiative called Underage Drinking: Not a Minor Problem, which helps enforce underage drinking laws by breaking up parties and keeping parents informed. This award recognizes the hard work of many community members that have dedicated their time to making a difference in the lives of our young people.

ABOUT 100 BEST:

America's Promise Alliance nation's largest partnership organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth by raising awareness, supporting communities, and engaging nonpartisan advocacy. Through their Grad Nation campaign, they harness the collective power of their partner network to mobilize Americans to end the high school dropout crisis and prepare young people for college and the 21st century workforce. Building on the legacy of Founding Chairman General Colin Powell, the Alliance believes the success of young people is grounded in Five Promises—caring adults; safe places; a healthy start; an effective education; and opportunities to help others. For more information about America's Promise Alliance, visit www.americaspromise.org.