Turning the Tide on Poverty
Survey Questionnaire
Thank you for taking part in the Turning the Tide on Poverty program in your community. We would like to ask you to share your thoughts about the initiative.

1. Which of the following Turning the Tide on Poverty sessions were you able to attend? Please place a checkmark by each session you took part in.
   ___ Volunteer Facilitator Training
   ___ Community Kick Off Event
   ___ Session 1
   ___ Session 2
   ___ Session 3
   ___ Session 4
   ___ Session 5
   ___ Action Forum

2. As a result of participating in the Turning the Tide on Poverty initiative:
   a. Has your view of your community changed?
      ___ Yes
      ___ No (continue to b)

      IF YES, in what way(s) did it change?
      __________________________________________
      __________________________________________

   b. Do you feel more confident to address issues in your community?
      ___ Yes
      ___ No

      Please indicate why you responded “yes” or “no”:
      __________________________________________
      __________________________________________

   c. Would you recommend that other communities go through a similar Study Circles process?
      ___ Yes
      ___ No

      Please explain:
      __________________________________________
      __________________________________________

Now, PLEASE turn to the next page so that you can complete the remainder of the survey.
Question: One

ID# ____________________

I. We want to thank you for being part of the Turning the Tide on Poverty in your community. We are interested in learning more about how you are involved in local community activities. Please share your thoughts on the following:

a. On average, how many hours a month do you spend in organized community improvement activities with other members of your community?
   ___ 0 hours
   ___ 1-2 hours
   ___ 3-4 hours
   ___ 5-6 hours
   ___ 7 or more hours

II. On average over the past 12 months how often have you participated in the following types of groups in your community?

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<tr>
<th>Type of Community Activities</th>
<th>Never</th>
<th>Few Times A Year</th>
<th>Once A Month</th>
<th>A Few Times A Month</th>
<th>At Least Once A Week</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. Community, Civic &amp; Service Organizations (such as Kiwanis, Lions, United Way, American Red Cross)</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>b. Faith-Based Organizations (such as Church, synagogue, other organizations)</td>
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<td>c. Social or Recreational Organizations (such as hobby clubs, athletic boosters, recreational clubs, sports leagues)</td>
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<td>d. Educational &amp; Youth Organizations (such as school parent/teacher association, 4H Club, Boys &amp; Girls Club, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts)</td>
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Question: Two

I. Place an X by the statement below that best represents the way important decisions are made in your community (town or city) right now?

___ Most decisions are made by a small handful of powerful people in the community
___ Decisions are pretty much left to local government officials to make
___ People and groups do have influence, but only on very specific set of issues (such as land use, school financing, property taxes)
___ A large number of local people and organizations are actively involved in deciding most of the important decisions
I. Please circle number that shows how often you have been involved in the following activities in your community over the past 12 months.

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<tr>
<th>Number of times in the past twelve months you have</th>
<th>None</th>
<th>Once</th>
<th>Twice</th>
<th>Three Times</th>
<th>Four Times</th>
<th>Five or More Times</th>
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<td>a. Attended a public meeting in which there was discussion of community or school affairs.</td>
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<td>b. Spoken out in a public meeting on a community issue of concern to you.</td>
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<td>c. Served on some type of a local council or board.</td>
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<td>d. Helped bring an issue or project to the attention of your community or local government.</td>
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<td>e. Helped learn about a community issue (for example, gathered facts about the issue; tried to find out what people felt about the issue; asked other people to help work on the issue).</td>
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<td>f. Helped decide what to do about a community issue or project.</td>
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<td>g. Worked on putting a plan of action together to address a community issue.</td>
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<td>h. Helped carry out activities to get a community project off the ground and completed, or to get a local issue settled.</td>
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<td>i. Held a leadership role in a community organization (for example, president, chair, secretary, treasurer)</td>
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I. Please tell how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your community (that is, the town or city that you now live in).

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<th>Opinions about YOUR Community</th>
<th>Strongly Disagree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Not Sure</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Strongly Agree</th>
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<td>a. I can trust local government to do what is right.</td>
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<td>b. People running my community really care what happens to me.</td>
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<td>c. There are people in this community that I can ask for help when I need it.</td>
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<td>d. Local residents are very open to having people from different races and cultures living in our community.</td>
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<td>e. People pretty much trust one another in my community.</td>
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<td>f. A lot of people in this community only care about themselves.</td>
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<td>g. Our community hosts annual events or celebrations that help bring local residents together.</td>
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<td>h. Local organizations often work together on projects that benefit our community.</td>
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<td>i. Our community is very open to diverse viewpoints at community forums and meetings.</td>
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<td>j. Local officials actively seek input from a variety of community residents, groups, and businesses when it comes to important local issues.</td>
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<td>k. Current leaders in our community encourage others here to become leaders.</td>
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<td>l. Our community depends heavily on help from outside the community to solve its own problems.</td>
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<td>m. Local residents want to take an active role in addressing important issues in their communities.</td>
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<td>n. It is important to me to feel a part of my community.</td>
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We would like to ask you a few questions about yourself. These questions are intended to help us get a better understanding of the variety of people taking part in this survey.

a. How long have you been living in your community? ____YEARS

b. What year were you born? 19____

c. Are you?
   ___ Male  ___ Female

d. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
   ___ Less than high school diploma/GED
   ___ Completed high school/GED
   ___ Some college or post high school training
   ___ Completed an associate’s/2 year degree
   ___ Completed a bachelor’s/4 year degree
   ___ Completed graduate or professional training beyond a bachelor’s degree

e. What is your employment status?
   ___ Employed full-time (35 hours a week or more)
   ___ Employed part-time (less than 35 hours per week)
   ___ Unemployed
   ___ Full-time homemaker
   ___ Retired
   ___ Student

f. What is your marital status?
   ___ Single, never married
   ___ Married
   ___ Divorced, separated, widowed

g. How many people, counting yourself, live in your household? ______ People.

h. What is your racial background?
   ___ Black / African American
   ___ White / Caucasian
   ___ American Indian / Alaskan Native
   ___ Asian / Pacific Islander
   ___ Other (please list: ____________________)

i. Are you of Hispanic/Latino background?
   ___ Yes  ___ No

j. Please indicate your total annual household income from all sources before taxes.
   ___ Under $25,000
   ___ $25,000 - 49,999
   ___ $50,000 - 74,999
   ___ $75,000 - 99,999
   ___ $100,000 or more

Thank you so much for your valuable assistance.