



Frankenmuth Heart & Soul is an engagement process to ensure all residents have a voice in the future of our beloved community. This initiative focuses on community engagement and conversations that help to alter the way residents interact with decision makers. Community Heart & Soul actively seeks the collective wisdom of all citizens, including those voices that are often missing, bringing people together to build a stronger, healthier, and more economically vibrant community.

Story Listeners – Call for Volunteers

Do you want to hear the stories of your fellow neighbors? Learn the hopes, ideas, and wishes of another resident all while making a huge impact in the City’s future? Here is your opportunity!

Frankenmuth Heart & Soul is looking for “Story Listeners”. After a brief orientation, the “Story Listener” analyzes the interviews of fellow community members from the “Story Gatherers” subcommittee. The Story Listening Sub-team and community volunteers listen to stories and pull out important pieces of information that reflect what matters most. The analysis works to identify topics such as hopes/concerns, wishes, and ideas.

Tasks:

- Listen to stories to identify:
 1. What Matters: The reason that someone cares about something; the reason they think it is important
 2. Hopes and Concerns: What people think will happen in the future
 3. Ideas for Action: Comments that suggest a possible action idea
- Write a summary statement(s) for each interview that captures
 1. A VERB, or an action word (e.g., cherishes, loves, enjoys, appreciates, etc.)
 2. WHAT is important (e.g., the subject or the theme)
 3. WHY it’s important

Time Commitment: Each story will take about 15 minutes to listen to. You can listen to as many or as few as you would like as well as on your own time and/or at a subcommittee group event. *Please note: you can volunteer in more than one subcommittee (see Story Gatherer Volunteer Sheet) and participate at the Heart and Soul events.*

If you are interested in helping this effort by serving on our Heart & Soul Team or otherwise, please complete this form and submit it to and Heart and Soul Core Team member, email heartoffrankenmuth@frankenmuthcity.com or drop it off at the City’s Government Center at 240 W Genessee St. as soon as possible. Any questions, comments, or concerns may also be directed to Ashley McKnight.