Youth Philanthropy in Indiana

a summary of 2018-2019 programs

500+ YOUTH INVOLVED

DATA BASED ON

180 GRANTS
$136,322 AWARDED

17 PROGRAMS THAT PERFORMED SERVICE

$4,500 FOR OTHERS
2 PROGRAMS

$28,876 FOR SELF
8 PROGRAMS

$1,843,225 ENDOWED FUNDS

MOST REWARDING ACTIVITIES
1. Performing Service Projects
2. Grantmaking Process
3. Team-Building Exercises
4. Attending Meetings
5. Fundraising

CHALLENGES
1. Member Engagement
2. Staff Time
3. Member Recruitment
4. Record Keeping
5. Lack of Financing
SUCCESS STORIES
examples

- Beyond Homeless Game Night: Played with child residents of a local homeless shelter
- Tim Tebow’s Night to Shine: Volunteered at prom for developmentally disabled youth and adults
- Little Phil: Shared with 4th graders how they can use their time, talent, and treasure to help others
- Cahoots Coffee Café: Co-hosted game nights open to community youth
- Read Across Kosciusko County: Promoted literacy by reading to 2nd grade students
- Ark Animal Rescue Bookstore: Organized and packed books
- Department of Child Services: Provided Christmas presents for kids in foster care
- Greenfield Head Start: Provided lunch for teachers, classroom supplies, and played with students

SUCCESSFUL SERVICE PROJECTS

- Hancock County Community Foundation: 100% attendance at nine meetings/service projects.
- Scott County Community Foundation: A youth council alumni survey revealed 100% intend to remain involved in their community after college and said their experience with the youth council gave them a better understanding of the community foundation and local nonprofits.
- Steuben County Community Foundation: FIST prioritized volunteering outside of its planned service projects this year, requiring members to complete a certain number of hours at a nonprofit of their choice.
- Dearborn Community Foundation: Youth council members wrote pen pal letters to 8th graders of a local school each month to help with any questions they may have as they transition into high school.
- Kosciusko County Community Foundation: Feedback from teachers regarding Read Across Kosciusko County reports that students have been more motivated to read following KEYS members visiting the classroom.
- Legacy Foundation: During an anti-bullying rally that had received funding from one of the youth grants, an 8th grade girl gave a personal testimony about the effects of bullying.

- West Washington High School: Purchase materials to redecorate a special education “calming room”
- Center Cemetery: Restore historic gravestones and gravel
- New Horizon Rehabilitation: Create job training for individuals with mental disabilities
- Black Vulture Project: Fund teen film workshop
- Pure Initiative: Fund Sexual Risk Avoidance Program (SRA) for 8th graders
- Kate’s Kart: Provide books to children in hospital
- Camp Navigate: Provide start-up funds for coffee shop
- Troy Center Alternative School: Purchase Chromebooks
- Faith of a Mustard Seed Ministry: Fund suicide prevention seminar
- Smith-Green Community Schools: Purchase “real care” babies and software

GRANTMAKING highlights

FEEDBACK from members

“...Together, through various service projects, team-building activities, and grants to support community projects, we have not only built life-long friendships but have also cemented a lasting common belief in supporting our community through philanthropy.”

“I was completely unaware of what [the foundation] did in the community before my involvement in the YGC. I believe the YGC has totally shaped my career path of community development, and I am so thankful for the experience.”

“I have learned to be more social and vocal. I have had to take the initiative to talk to people and be open with my opinion in different issues.”

“I never knew there were so many great organizations around our community. It feels great to help them succeed because they deserve it for all of the good they provide to the community and the youth in it.”

“I enjoy learning about community projects. I feel like a member of Shark Tank, it’s cool to be able to hear about projects and decide how much money to give them.”