

2018 Summary: Annual Youth Philanthropy Survey Community Foundation Programs (2017-2018 Program Year)



Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) conducts an annual survey with Indiana Community Foundations that promote youth philanthropy through a youth council or school-based grantmaking program. Collected data is used to summarize the work and impact of youth philanthropists in Indiana communities, as well as provide insight into youth philanthropy trends.

Survey Participants:

Youth Councils/School-Based Grantmaking Programs: **28** Community Foundations representing **29** counties

**not all respondents answered each question*

Youth Philanthropy Data (28 Programs)

Number of Youth Involved	526+	Age Range of Youth Involved	12-18
Programs that Fundraise for Others	2	Fundraising for Others- Total Raised	\$4,160
Programs that Fundraise for Self	8	Fundraising for Self-Total Raised	\$10,534
Number of Grants Awarded	214	Dollar Amount of Grants	\$171,649
Programs that Perform Service	21	Endowment Funds	\$1,883,499

Activities Most Engaging and Rewarding for Youth (Ranked from Most to Least Rewarding)

- 1) Performing Service Projects (*tie for first*)
- 2) Grantmaking Process (*tie for first*)
- 3) Attending Meetings
- 4) Team-Building Exercises
- 5) Fundraising

Challenges for Staff (Ranked from Most to Least Challenging)

- 1) Member Engagement
- 2) Member Recruitment
- 3) Staff Time
- 4) Lack of Financing
- 5) Recordkeeping

Examples of Youth Grantmaking *(Not a complete list- representative of grants made)*

- Junior Department Club: Purchase coats for children in need.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters: School-based mentoring program needs.
- Woodland Child Development Center: Expand garden that is on site.
- DeKalb County Community Impact (Hearten House): Start up supplies for a women shelter.
- West Baden Research Club: Coloring books for local elementary students.
- The O'Connor House: Supporting the Transportation Program that helps new mothers obtain their driver's licenses.
- Humane Indiana: Create a memorial rain garden that serves as a pet memorial, education about rain gardens, and help prevent soil erosion and flooding on the property.
- Blackhawk Blessings: Weekend food for food insecure children.
- Trinity Free Clinic, Inc.: Supporting the pediatric and immunization clinic.
- Highland Education Foundation: Create an ADA compliant outdoor classroom.
- Mad Anthony's Hope House: A place to stay for families with a child who's hospitalized.
- Eastport Community Garden: Student organization planting garden in blighted area.

Examples of Successful Service Projects *(Not a complete list- representative of grants made)*

- Rush County Food Pantry: Stuffed 175 stockings to donate to local food pantry.
- Veterans Village Breakfast: Prepared, served, and ate breakfast with homeless vets at a breakfast hosted by a grantee.
- Clothe-a-Child: Christmas shopping with children in need.
- Ark Paws and Claws Bookstore: Cleaning nonprofit bookstore, organizing.
- Terre Haute Children's Museum: Saturday volunteering.
- Changing Footprints: Volunteered to sort shoes, clean, paint, etc. for this organization that distributes shoes to those in need locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Local Schools: Coat drive during winter.
- Girls on the Run 5K: Assisted at various stations during the event.
- Center Township Food & Clothing Pantry: Organized clothing and food pantry items.

Success Stories/Quotes *(Not a complete list-representative of comments made)*

"...Students were able to see firsthand the struggle of trying to fulfill the never-ending needs of a school with a small amount of money."

"This program not only teaches our students how important philanthropy is, but also how many needs are in our community... The students all had a better understanding of why needs sometimes don't get met – whether it's in our community or in our school. One of the students stated that 'I just assumed the gym wasn't painted because it didn't bother anyone but now I realize that it takes a lot of planning and money to fulfill what seems to be 'simple' needs'."

"...This program impacts both the youth participating as well as the general community in a sense that it gives power to youth, and shows the community that youth can do wonderful and powerful things."

"I had a struggling student who worked hard to be able to read The Notebook of Doom chapter book that he received [through Read Across Kosciusko County]. He then begged for more of the series. I got the books and let him borrow them over the summer. When he came back in the fall, he returned the books to me and said he read them all. He also shared with me a story that he had written based on the series." - 2nd Grade Teacher Impacted by the Program

"Being a member of the [YPC] has been one of the most enriching experiences in high school. It has provided me an opportunity to give back to the community...and connect with its future leaders. When I started, I had not even heard of a quorum. Today, I feel confident in my ability to run a meeting and communicate my ideas. "