New Role for YPII Director

As many of you know, Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) is a signature program of Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA), and we work in collaboration to offer youth philanthropy and next-generation programming to IPA members. We are excited to share the news that Jill Gordon has been appointed as the new IPA Director of Learning, effective July 1, 2018. Jill steps into the role that Marie Beason had played with IPA, under an updated title and slightly modified responsibilities. Jill has served as the Program Director for YPII since August 1, 2011. She will serve in a dual role as both the IPA Director of Learning and YPII Program Director through the end of 2018 while we evaluate the next steps for carrying out the goals and activities that have been the hallmark of YPII programming and technical assistance. Jill commented, "This is an exciting time to take my philanthropic career to the next level by stepping into the Director of Learning position and further incorporating youth and next-gen philanthropy into IPA programming. I’m thrilled to continue growing in the sector and look forward to sharing the knowledge and mentoring I’ve gained over the past seven years from YPII partners, IPA co-workers, and other youth philanthropy leaders."

Spirit of Youth Philanthropy Award

Congratulations to Margarita White, Program Director at the Community Foundation of Noble County. At last month’s Indiana Philanthropy Alliance conference, Margarita received the Spirit of Youth Philanthropy Award for her outstanding leadership and support of youth engagement in philanthropy in Noble County!

Margarita supports P.U.L.S.E (Philanthropists Utilizing Life-Long Service and Education), a student-led philanthropy group and works with fourth graders as well as students in grades 8-12 on philanthropy and leadership development. She has
provided mentoring experiences with local nonprofit boards through Teens on Boards in Noble County.

"Camp Lend a Hand" Pairs Camp with Philanthropy

Seven 9th & 10th grade students signed up for the inaugural "Camp Lend a Hand," run by the Community Foundation of Whitley County. Each day, students visited a different local nonprofit where they got a tour and did volunteer work. Guest speakers spoke with the students about their experience in areas such as youth philanthropy, the history of nonprofits in the area, and working alongside nonprofits.

Students paid $100 to attend, but what they were not told in advance was that the funds would be given back to them to donate to a nonprofit of their choice. On the final camp day, students went on a "big check" run around town giving the nonprofits the donated funds.

Camp Lend a Hand aimed to teach students:
• How a nonprofit is started, run, funded, and how it impacts/benefits the community.
• The importance of volunteering and giving back to the community.
• That it's never too early to get involved.
• What it feels like to donate time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of others.

Camp Director Brooks Walker said, "I was blessed with the opportunity to get involved with philanthropy at an early age and I know firsthand how rewarding it is to get started as a young adult. Camp Lend a Hand is going to give more young adults a chance to learn, understand, and partake in philanthropy, and it's my privilege to lead and learn with them."

By the end of the week the kids were coming up with different ways they can give back and volunteer beyond this camp. The group plans to get back together and do service projects around the community throughout the year.
FREE WEBINAR SERIES

Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) and Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy are hosting a FREE webinar series designed to support next-gen leadership and giving. Sessions feature national experts and Lilly Family School of Philanthropy faculty and students sharing research, resources, and examples of classroom-based grantmaking programs.

The series incorporates YPII’s 4-pillar model of Serving, Giving, Leading, and Engaging to highlight the progression of youth taking action and engaging others in their communities. Join us for real-world examples and resources you can integrate into your programs.

Watch the recording of Learning to Give Time, Talent, & Treasure (May 22)

Register for the next webinar: Helping Students Learn by Giving (August 28)

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Teach Giving with Three Empty Jars
In this article from Forbes Magazine, Kris Putnam-Walkerly teaches a simple way to teach kids about giving.

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5 Tips for Empowering Youth This Summer
From The Renewal Project, every adult can be an anchor and make a difference. Following are tips to better connect with young people.

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Youth Philanthropy News

Youth Council Helps Award Grants
The Putnam County Community Foundation recently awarded more than $90,000 in grants, including grants made by its youth council.

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Family Volunteer Day Grants
Grants of $250-1,000 are available to nonprofits and schools for Family Volunteer Day projects, which takes place on November 17. Apply by July 31.
Heart-Warming Friendship Spans Generations
After a kindergartner spotted an elderly man in a grocery store and asked for a hug, an unlikely friendship formed.

America’s Promise Alliance Seeks Young Leaders
America’s Promise Alliance is seeking two people, age 16-22 to serve a two-year leadership term with the organization. Apply by July 20.

Actress Uses Platform to Promote Philanthropy
Eighteen-year old actress Bailee Madison is using her stardom to speak out on issues of abuse, AIDS, animals, youth, cancer, health, women and human rights.

How to Raise a Child Who Cares
A psychologist and a social worker explain how empathy can be developed and encouraged in young people.

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