



YOUTH ACTION BOARD



2022 **GRANT & IMPACT**
REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The YSCF Youth Action Board uses philanthropy and leadership to teach Yellow Springs teens how to change the world.

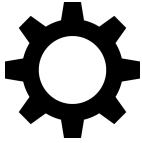
Fourteen students from the Yellow Springs area joined this year's Youth Action Board. They collectively spent 840 hours working to improve their communities while becoming leaders and activists in the process. The team completed a community needs assessment on the most pressing issues facing youth in Yellow Springs, raised awareness of the issues with the community, and fundraised \$4,400 for local nonprofit organizations benefitting youth across the Yellow Springs area.



YSCF Youth Action Board Training Session

THE PROGRAM

Youth Action Board is the youth-led arm of the Yellow Springs Community Foundation. Each year, students conduct a grant cycle.



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Youth dive deep to find the most pressing issues facing children and youth in their local community



FUNDRAISING

Youth meet with community members to raise awareness about and funding for the biggest issues



GRANT MAKING

Youth decide which nonprofits are doing the best at meeting the needs and give away 100% of the funds raised



YSCF Youth Action Board

Student Co-Facilitators:

Carina Basora & Joaquin Espinosa

Board Members:

Violet Babb
Brady Baker
Chloe Bayard
Isabella Beiring
Malik Booth
Gage Brinson

Charlotte Davis
Ella Laws
Stella Lieff
Derek Reed
Aiden Scavone
Kellen Scott

Melissa Heston, YSCF YAB Facilitator, Outreach Manager

FUNDING PRIORITY

After many hours of research, the Youth Action Board decided to focus on the following funding priority:

Insecurity of Needs

The Youth Action Board believes that access to affordable local housing, healthy and nutritious food, and hygiene products (toiletries and menstrual items) are a basic and necessary human right that should not be restricted by one's socio-economic status, race, identity, mobility, or any other possible discriminating factor. Young people experience a variety of emotional distress including lack of confidence, dignity, embarrassment, insecurity, loss of self-esteem, hunger, and many health issues related to the lack of these basic human needs. We have seen these insecurities magnified through the pandemic, and believe continued support for these insecurities can increase our youth's capacity to thrive physically, intellectually, and emotionally into adulthood.

“[Youth Action Board] helped me become a better communicator with my peers and with adults”

- 2022 participant

FUNDRAISING

Special thank you to Yellow Springs Community Foundation for matching the funds raised by students to double their grant awards and impact!

GRANT WINNERS

The following organizations were awarded a grant based on their ability to meet the funding priorities of the Youth Action Board:

Feminist Health Fund - \$4,400

The Feminist Health Fund provides financial assistance for health related needs to women living in Greene County, Ohio during times of financial hardship. Funds from the Youth Action Board will provide youth hygiene kits to local students across the county.

Yellow Springs Police Department - \$4,400

The Yellow Springs Police Department provides essential housing and food to Yellow Springs residents through its community outreach program. Funds from the Youth Action Board will support their housing and food programs for Yellow Springs youth.



Joaquin Espinosa & Carina Basora - YAB Student Co-Facilitators and
Melissa Heston, YSCF YAB Facilitator & Outreach Manager

STUDENT IMPACT



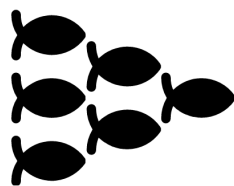
EMPOWERMENT

100% of participants said YAB improved their ability to identify an issue and take action.



COMMUNITY

Students raised awareness and funding (\$8,000) for pressing issues.



LEADERSHIP

100% of participants said they would be more likely to take on a leadership role because of YAB.



KNOWLEDGE

98% of participants gained knowledge in YAB curriculum topics.



EMPATHY

100% of participants stated the program improved their empathy skills.



LIFE SKILLS

Participants showed improvement in non-cognitive skills 96% of the time.

"I learned how different nonprofits and donating works. I learned to pitch ideas and take action for the needs in our community."

- 2022 participant

PARTNERSHIP



The YSCF Youth Action Board is a collaboration between the Yellow Springs Community Foundation, the Yellow Springs Schools and YouthRoots, a youth philanthropy nonprofit based in Englewood, CO, whose mission is to unleash the power of youth to change the world. The Yellow Springs Community Foundation uses the YouthRoots training curriculum to teach Yellow Springs area teens how to change the world through philanthropy and gain valuable leadership skills. Together, they are cultivating the next generation of Yellow Springs philanthropists, leaders, and change-makers.

Learn more at:

www.yscf.org/individuals/youth-action-board

www.youthroots.org

“[Youth Action Board] showed me that my strengths can be helpful and how to apply them to just everyday situation and that if even just a few people care enough, real change can be made.”

- 2022 participant