

2024



YOUTH ACTION BOARD

2024 GRANT & IMPACT REPORT



INTRODUCTION



The Yellow Springs Community Foundation (YSCF) Youth Action Board is a diverse group of McKinney Middle School/Yellow Springs High School fearless thinking students who are passionate about solving community issues for youth and making the world a better place. The YSCF Youth Action Board, our local chapter of a national program “YouthRoots” is a student driven program with a ten year proven track record of engaging students more deeply and profoundly in their own communities. In its fourth year, the program was facilitated by YSCF Outreach Manager, Melissa Heston and supported by YouthRoots Organization, area leaders, impact partners, and YSCF board and staff. 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.

PROGRAM

The YSCF YAB worked closely with community leaders to identify, fundraise and grant to the organization that best helps solve these issues.



COMMUNITY NEEDS

YAB delved deeply into uncovering the most urgent challenges confronting youth within their local community.



FUNDRAISING

YAB convened community members to raise awareness and secure financial support for the most significant issues facing youth.



GRANT MAKING

YAB determined which organization addressed the needs and distributed all funds raised.



STUDENT FACILITATOR:
ELLA LAWS, 12th



FACILITATOR:
MELISSA HESTON

SYLVIE PEIRSON, 9th

AIDEN SCAVONE, 11th

SCOUT ESPINOSA, 12th

CYNTHIA BURKE, 11th

ADDISON SHAFEEK, 11th

JONAH SUMMERS, 11th

NEVAEH SINGH, 12th

MALAYNA BUSTER, 10th

EVIE THOMAS, 10th

LOREN GEORGE, 10th

DEREK REED, 12th

RU ROBERTSON, 10th

SYDNEY ROBERTS, 12th

NORA BONGORNO, 10th

TAVEY JOHNSON, 10th

HANNAH PARKER, 10th

COLE OBERG, 11th

FUNDRAISING

The Youth Action Board met with a panel of experts of local community and nonprofit leaders and discussed the issues most impacting youth in the community. The YAB narrowed down their choices to raise funds for better access to more nutritious food for youth. They went into the community and asked Impact Partners to invest in their cause.

Thank you

Youth Action Board

Impact Partners for 2024

Barb & Rich Bullock

Jeannamarie Cox & Earl Reeder

Carol Cottom & Bruce Bradtmiller

Chris & Linda Cox

Artie & Alisa Isaac

Lisa Abel & Lynn Adams

Fred & Joy Bartenstein

Ella Laws

Cole Oberg

Aiden Scavone

Melissa Heston & Mary Kay Smith

Antonia Dosik & Len Kramer

Jamie Finch

Erika & Matt Grushon

Paul Comstock

Donna Haller

Charlene & Charles Buster

Art Boulet

Linda Sikes

Funding Priority

Food Security

The 2024 YSCF Youth Action Board's area of focus is to provide better access to nutritious food. The Youth Action Board believes that access to healthy nutritious food is a basic and necessary human need that should not be restricted by one's socioeconomic status, age, race, identity, mobility, or any other possible discriminating factor. Young people in the community struggle to find fresh nutritious and affordable food consistently at school, in town, and in their homes. The YAB believes continued support for food security can increase our youth's capacity to thrive physically, intellectually, and emotionally into adulthood.

Yellow Springs Community Kitchen

The board decided to award this year's funds toward the repair, restoration and reorganization of a centrally located community kitchen. The kitchen identified is at the First Presbyterian Church of Yellow Springs. "The need for a community soup kitchen has been discussed, requested, and researched. We kept coming back to the kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church due to its central location, the state-of-the-art equipment, kitchen layout, and the Foundation and Presbyterian's shared mission in support of our community," said Jeannamarie Cox, Executive Director of YSCF. "We are lucky to have such a wonderful asset already in our community, we need to bring it back online."

Grantee

STUDENT IMPACT



EMPOWERMENT

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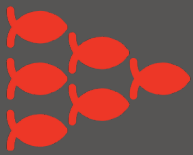
100% of participants said YAB improved their ability to identify an issue and take action.



COMMUNITY

02

Students raised awareness and funding (\$7,725) for better access to nutritious food for youth.



LEADERSHIP

03

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



KNOWLEDGE

04

100% of participants gained knowledge of their local nonprofits and how they work.



LIFE SKILLS

05

Participants showed improvement in non-cognitive skills 98% of the time.



EMPATHY

06

87% of participants said the program improved their empathy skills.

PARTNERSHIPS



The YSCF Youth Action Board program was a collaboration between the Yellow Springs Community Foundation, the Yellow Springs Schools, and YouthRoots, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to unleash the power of youth to change the world. Together, they are cultivating the next generation of Yellow Springs leaders and change-makers.

Learn more at:
www.yscf.org