

2017

YOUTH AS RESOURCES

2016-2017

Annual Report



WHAT IS YOUTH AS RESOURCES?

Kenosha County Youth As Resources (YAR) is a grant-giving program which funds youth-designed, youth-led community service projects in Kenosha County.

YAR was developed by Kenosha County UW-Extension in partnership with United Way of Kenosha County.

Youth, with guidance from adults, determine the project they believe will address a need in their community and apply to Kenosha County Youth As Resources for grants of up to \$500.

The YAR Board reads all applications and invites youth groups to present their proposals directly to the board.



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PROJECTS AWARDED

In 2016-2017, YAR funded 15 projects, disbursing \$5,045 for community service projects. All funds for YAR projects come from United Way contributions. The funded projects were:

MARLEIGH'S MINISTRY - \$100 - BRISTOL CHALLENGE 4-H CLUB

The Bristol Challenge 4-H Club was granted \$100 to buy and send care packages to families in the special care units of hospitals located in Kenosha County, such as the St. Catherine's Medical Center.

FISHING PIER - \$200 - JACOB MOSS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Members of the Jacob Moss Eagle Scouts used grant funds to build a fishing pier and a ramp to connect the pier to the beach at Old Settler's Park.



Girl scouts hard at work on bucket

OUTDOOR BUCKET SEATS - \$150 - GIRL SCOUT TROOP #9152

Girl Scout Troop #9152 created bucket seats for the Dimensions of Learning Academy that can be utilized to create an outdoor classroom setting at the school.

PEACE KEEPERS KENOSHA - \$250 - ROOSEVELT STUDENT COUNCIL

Roosevelt Student Council made, packaged, and delivered scarves, hats, and cards to the homeless citizens of Kenosha County.

YOUTH BULLYING PREVENTION - \$220 - REUTHER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grant recipients at Reuther Central High School utilized YAR funds to raise bullying awareness and teach prevention education to middle school students across Kenosha County.



Peace Keepers showing off their hand made quilts

YOUTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP—\$400—STARFISH YOUTH PARTNERSHIP, INC.

Starfish Youth Partnership organized basketball games between Kenosha's Uptown inner-city youth and city officials to improve relationships.

DOG WASTE STATIONS - \$475—LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dog waste stations were installed at the Pringle Nature Center in order to encourage visitors to pick up after their dogs and keep the environment clean.

HONOR FLIGHT RECOGNITION - \$400 - RANDALL JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

The Randall Junior Optimist Club used grant funds to send a Kenosha County veteran on an honor flight to Washington D.C. They also created and purchased flowers, balloons, and signs to welcome the Kenosha County veteran.



Dog waste stations were installed by the confirmation group from Lord of Life Church

PROJECTS AWARDED

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP - \$500—ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

Royal Family Kids Camp used this grant to send children in foster care to a week-long summer camp. These children were also thrown a collective birthday celebration with food and presents, as many of these children do not know when their birthdays are.



Royal Family camp organizer with a camp participant

MAIN STREET FLOWERS SUPPORT - \$200 - MESSIAH LUTHERAN YOUTH & RANDALL JR. OPTIMIST CLUB

Main Street Flowers supporters used grant funds to assist the Main Street Flowers project in downtown Twin Lakes with growing, weeding, watering, and maintaining the plants throughout the summer.

TRAILS & TRAIL MARKERS FOR KENOSHA COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PARK - \$500 - BOY SCOUT TROOP 505

Boy scouts from Troop 505 cleaned a trail and put up trail markers at KD Park in Western Kenosha County. They cleared a 1/5 mile trail that will eventually connect the Eastern part of KD Park with the newly acquired Western section of the park. They also purchased and installed 21 fiberglass trail markers that were posted at all trail intersections at KD Park. These trail markers give directions and usage for each trail.



Boy scouts working on KD Trail markers

FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY - \$500 - HARVEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND GRADE

Second graders at Harvey Elementary School used funds to build a butterfly garden at Harvey Elementary and to raise awareness about the depleting monarch butterfly population across North America. The students also created their own placards stating what they have learned about monarch butterflies during this project which were placed in their butterfly garden, as well as throughout walking trails in Kenosha County.

PRAIRIE LANE SERVICE GARDEN - \$400 - PRAIRIE LANE ELEMENTARY

Prairie Lane students used grant funds to grow, maintain, and harvest produce from their service garden at Prairie Lane Elementary. This produce was then donated to the Shalom Center's soup kitchen in Kenosha County.

CAMEO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY - \$300 - MIDWEST THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

The Midwest Therapeutic Riding Program utilized YAR funds to host a 30th birthday party for their very first therapy horse, Cameo, who has been a very important horse in the lives of many children with special needs. Cameo has been featured on a TV show and has won PATH Therapy Horse of the Year. The birthday party incorporated crafts and games that helped participants to work on fine and gross motor skills, as well as social skills.



Cameo at his birthday party

STARS & STRIPES HONOR FLIGHT - \$450 - RANDALL JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

The Randall Junior Optimist Club sent a second Kenosha County veteran on an honor flight to Washington D.C. during the Spring grant funding cycle. As they did previously, participants created signs and purchased flowers to welcome the Kenosha County veteran upon their arrival.

YAR PROGRAM STATISTICS

GRANT PERIOD	# OF GRANTS	FUNDS DISTRIBUTED	YOUTH PARTICIPANTS
2016-2017	15	\$5,045	681
2005-2017	156	\$55,330	7,229

LEONARD AND PATRICIA R. JOHNSON AWARD

The Leonard R. Johnson Award was created in memory of Leonard R. Johnson who was an educator in Kenosha for over 25 years and served on the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors for 22 years.

The 2016-2017 recipient of this award is the Reuther Central High School Leadership Team for their project, "Youth Bullying Prevention."

Grant recipients at Reuther Central High School utilized YAR funds to raise bullying awareness and teach prevention education to middle school students across Kenosha County.

Leadership Team members developed their own lesson plans, practiced, and eventually presented to 7th graders at Mahone Middle School.



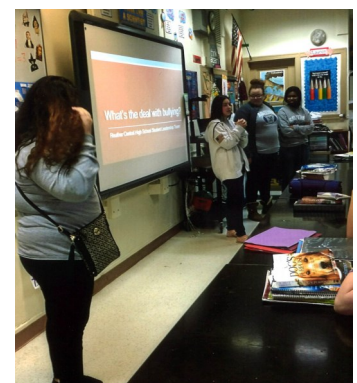
Lesson plan development



Leadership team members practicing their lessons



Reuther Central High School Leadership Team



Team members presenting their lesson

YAR BOARD SERVICE PROJECTS

The first service project for the 2016-2017 year was in collaboration with the ELCA Urban Outreach Center. Each YAR participant was assigned a family to "host" and assist during the ELCA Christmas event. The families consisted of the parent/parents and their young children. Each YAR member helped guide the families to the stations that ELCA had set up for the event: holiday-themed face painting, gift wrapping, pictures with Santa, and lunch.

As members of YAR, members helped assist the ELCA Outreach Center with their goal of spreading Christmas cheer and generosity throughout these families in the community. YAR also acted as great examples and role models for the younger children, being kind and helpful towards their respective families and doing good for the community.

The second service project that YAR members participated in was an Easter Bunny Hop. This is an all day event that begins in downtown Kenosha and includes an Easter egg hunt at Library Park.



YAR board member painting children's faces at ELCA



YAR members with ELCA participants



YAR members sorting eggs



Helping with signage



Kids participating in the Bunny Hop

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