

2015-2016 Annual Report

What is Kenosha County 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.



YAR Pledge:

"As a member of Kenosha County Youth As Resources, I will support my community by giving back. I will transform myself by building knowledge and skills. I will commit myself to the idea that youth can be leaders.
I am a resource."



In 2015-2016, YAR funded 15 projects, disbursing \$5,000 for community service projects. All funds for YAR projects come from United Way contributions.

The following projects were funded:

CDS Prom - \$430 - Indian Trail High School Academy

Students from Indian Trails High School hosted a prom for students involved in the KUSD STEP (Successful Transitions for Exceptional People) program. This is the third CDS (Cognitive Disorders Severe) Prom and they "look forward to creating many more memories for years to come."

Craft Bags - \$250 – Randall School Junior Optimist Club

Members of the Randall School Junior Optimists club prepared craft bags for sick children at local hospitals. They delivered the bags to those who were not able to leave their rooms.

JAM Youth Room Refresh - \$110 – Baptist Tabernacle Church

Youth participants of the Baptist Tabernacle Church redecorated their youth room in order to create a fun space to encourage activity and creativity.

Sharing Center Garden Boxes - \$400 – Boy Scout Troop 385

Boy scouts from Troop 385 planted vegetables in 16 garden boxes at the Sharing Center in Trevor. The food aided the financially disadvantaged who might have limited access to healthy food.

T.R.A.C. Teen Reach Adventure Camp- \$420 – Christian Life School

Members of the National Junior Honors Society at Christian Life School hosted a camp for teenagers in foster care. Participants in the camp put on plays, made crafts and enjoyed many more fun activities!

Zach Smith's Eagle Project- \$110 – Boy Scouts of America

Zach Smith of the Boy Scouts of America built a sign in order to more clearly identify the Sharing Center to members in the community in an attempt to encourage more donations.

Mustang Motivators- \$480 – Mahone Middle School

Students from Mahone Middle School instituted a reward system in order to encourage kind behavior and good acts within the school. Students who earned "Mustang Motives" could then trade them in for prizes.

Blanket Making - \$200 – Wheatland Willing Workers

The Wheatland Willing Workers of the 4-H club made fleece blankets for children and their families at local hospitals.

YAR Hope Gardens- \$500 – Salem United Methodist Church

Youth activists from the Salem United Methodist Church established an enriched, raised bed garden on Salem United Methodist Church land to feed disadvantaged families, especially through donation to Trevor Sharing Center and Westosha Senior Center.

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive- \$500 – Christian Life School

Student of the National Junior Honors Society at Kenosha Christian Life School bought toys to donate to the Salvation Army. Salvation Army then donated these toys and gifts as presents to under privileged kids in Kenosha County.

Christmas Projects for Children with Special Needs- \$400 – Midwest Therapeutic Riding Program

Participants of the Midwest Therapeutic Riding Program hosted a Christmas party for families with children with special needs. The party had crafts, food and photos with Santa.

Junior Optimist Club Senior Visits- \$150 – Kenosha Optimist Club

Students from the Kenosha Optimist Club visited senior citizens throughout the year and provided social activities including Christmas caroling, baking cookies, outdoor games and a Veterans picnic.

Tying Blankets for Sharing Center - \$340 – Bristol Challenge 4-H Club

Members from the Bristol Challenge 4-H Club are buying fleece and cutting the edges to make blankets for the less fortunate.

Planting Native Plant Species at Pringle Nature Center- \$470 – Girl Scouts of Wisconsin

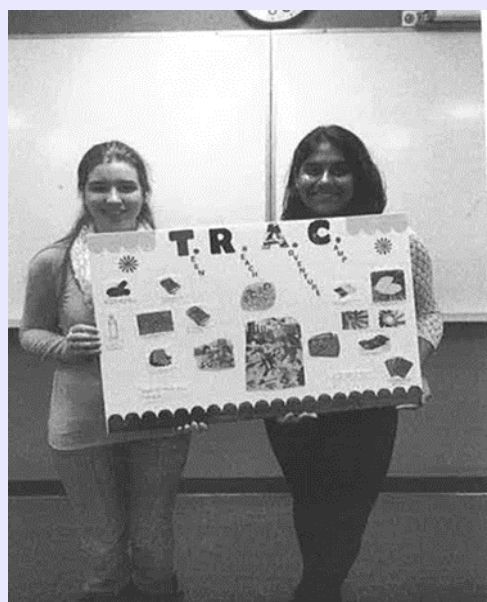
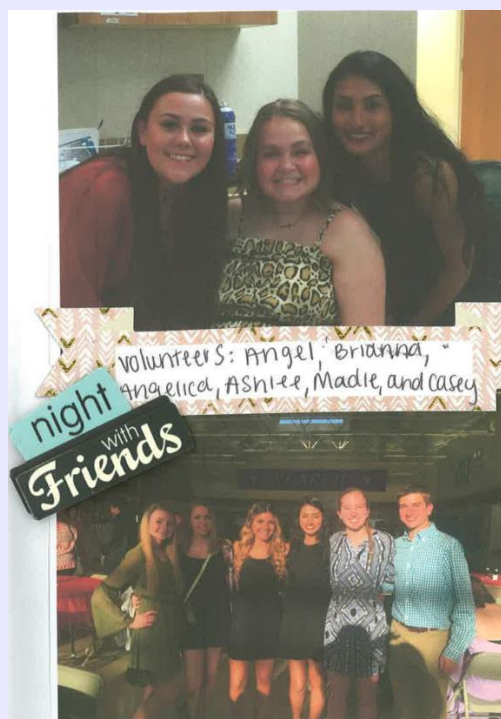
Members of Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast replaced landscaping around the main building of Pringle Nature Center. Invasive species had taken over, killing native plants. The Girl Scouts developed brochures outlining the importance of native species and designed and taught an educational activity aimed at younger children to explain the importance of promoting local plant species.

Thank a Service Man - \$120 – Southport Baptist Church

Truth Trackers Kids Club of Southport Baptist Church sent care packages and thank you cards to service men (military, police and firefighters) in Kenosha to show them their appreciation for serving.

Kenosha County Youth As Resources Program Statistics

| Period | Number of Grants | Funds Distributed | Youth Participants |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2015-2016 | 15 | \$4,530 | 1,420 |
| 2005-2016 | 141 | \$50,800 | 5,809 |



YAR BOARD SERVICE PROJECT 2016

Every year the Wisconsin Marathon is held in Kenosha County. On May 7th, 4000 runners took the starting line at the 2016 race. YAR Board Members are seen here passing out water bottles to the runners near the starting line at the Kenosha Civil War Museum.



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 2015-16 recipient is CDS Prom.

Indian Trail High School organized the CDS (Cognitive Disorder – Severe) Prom to create a fun and safe atmosphere for all KUSD special education students as well as all members in the STEP (Successful Transitions for Exceptional People) program.

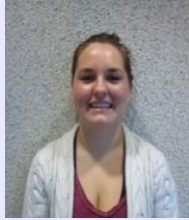
The “traditional” prom is not comfortable for students with cognitive disabilities.

The CDS prom gave them a chance to be themselves and have a good time with each other.

2016-17 YAR President, Logan Hall,
Presents the award to Indian Trail
High School.



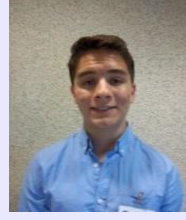
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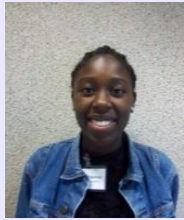
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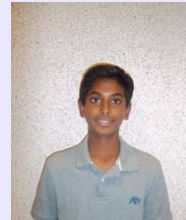
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