



Kenosha County

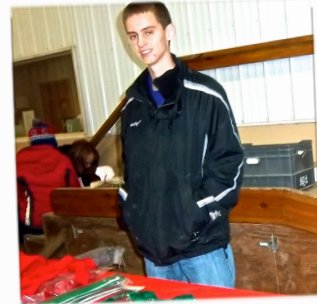
YOUTH AS RESOURCES

## 2014-15 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. Youth, with guidance from adults, determine the project they believe will address a need in their community.

Youth groups may apply to Kenosha County Youth As Resources for grants of up to \$500, which may be used to purchase supplies for their project, but may not be used to pay for volunteer time. 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 2014-15, YAR funded 13 projects, disseminating \$5,680 for community service. All funds for YAR projects are derived from United Way contributions.**

**The following projects were funded:**

**Instrument Locker Rebuild - \$500**

Troop 525, Boy Scouts of America

Members of the Troop 525 of the Boy Scouts of America organized to re-build instrument lockers at Bullen Middle School. The goal of this project was to create a more suitable space for storing musical instruments at the school, and to make more space for teaching and learning.

**Park Benches on the Bike Trail - \$500**

Troop 505, Boy Scouts of America

Members of the Troop 505 of the Boy Scouts of America built several benches along a 3.5 mile bike trail in Kenosha. These benches provide a place to rest for residents walking or riding their bicycles on the trail.

**Native American Interpretive Trail - \$160**

Troop 381, Boy Scouts of America

Youth in the Troop 381 of the Boy Scouts of America organized to build a Native American Interpretive Trail at Silver Lake Park. The purpose of this project is to preserve the material remains of the Potawatomi culture in the site, and to provide a scenic and informative experience for visitors.

**YAR BOARD SERVICE PROJECT, MAY, 2015**

“As a YAR Youth Board Member, I have been blessed with the opportunity to witness, firsthand, how other fellow young citizens of Kenosha present their plans to help their community. In addition to YAR monthly meetings, I participated in the YAR Board service project at First Steps Service, Inc., where we prepared and served a hearty meal for a group of homeless residents. I cannot explain how much UW-Extension and Youth As Resources has helped me to grow and develop as an individual. I am incredibly grateful.”

— Lindsay Thomas (Youth Board Member)



**Just Us Kids - \$500**

Lakeview Technology Academy

Students from Lakeview Technology Academy collected toys and cash donations to personally deliver gifts for hospitalized children during the 2014 Holiday season. The group also hosted a seasonal book drive in order to be able to read to the children during their visits to the hospital.

**Blanket Tying - \$360**

Bristol Challenge 4-H club

Members of the Bristol Challenge 4-H club made tie-dye blankets and donated them to the Shalom Center and the Sharing Center, to be distributed among the homeless citizens of Kenosha. This project sought to help homeless residents stay warm during this past winter season.

**Care Net Family Resource Center- \$500**

Kenosha Christian Life School National Junior Honor Society

Members of the Kenosha Christian Life School National Junior Honor Society purchased a variety of essential baby items to be donated to the Care Net Family Resource Center in Kenosha. The youth involved in the project did all the shopping and delivery. The project sought to help young mothers by reducing the initial financial burden of having to buy all the necessary items for newborn babies.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP!**

"Youth As Resources has taught me that I have an important role in my community. Though I may be young, I can still make a valuable impact. YAR has showed me the needs of my community and how they can be met. I know now that I truly am a resource."

— Keely Dugan (Youth Board Member)





**Gazebo that Guides - \$500**

ELCA Outreach Center

The youth involved in this project planned and build a gazebo at the ELCA Outreach Center, and provided a new space where the clients of Center could gather to chat, pray, or mediate.

**Hope Gardens - \$480**

Salem United Methodist Church

Youth from the Salem United Methodist Church volunteered to cultivate enriched raised-bed garden on church land. The fresh produce from this garden will be donated to the Trevor Sharing Center, where they will be distributed to families in need.

**Kind Kids - \$380**

Roosevelt Elementary Youth Power

Youth from the Roosevelt Elementary Youth Power distributed activity care bags to children and adults who are undergoing medical treatment. They also helped sort and pack food for those who benefit from the Shalom Center food pantry.

**Junior Optimist Club Senior Visit - \$300**

Kenosha Area Junior Optimist Club, Randall Consolidated School

Students, from the Kenosha Area Junior Optimist Club coordinated with the Senior Center to plan and hold a series of bingo game days. The youth personally hosted the days, and provided prizes and refreshments for the participants. They hosted three bingo game days for our seniors citizens.

**Teen Reach Adventure Camp (TRAC) - \$500**

Journey Church, Kenosha Campus

35 youth member of the Journey Church congregation organized a camp for teenage youth in foster care, where they could engage in fun activities and meet other foster care teens. An average of 100 youth benefited from this project.



## CDS Prom - \$500

Indian Trail High School

Students from Indian Trail High School planned and hosted their second annual special needs prom for KUSD students in the CDS and STEP programs. They invited over seventy students from several KUSD schools. The group hoped that this prom created an environment for fun and socialization.

## Be the Change Anti Bullying 5K Run - \$500

Education Matters Inc

Youth from Education Matters hosted a 5K run to raise awareness of bullying and the issues it creates. They hoped the event would inspire attendees and participants to becoming involved in awareness activities on bullying.

Join the fun! **YAR** A fun way to achieve your community service hours!

- ★ Learn Leadership Skills
- 😊 Meet New Friends
- \$ Award Grants to Youth Service Projects
- ♥ Help the Community

Just the facts! 1 meeting per month August-May  
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5PM  
Meetings approx. 1½ hours long  
Meet in downtown Kenosha

Looks like fun!

Call him today! Visit the website to learn more!

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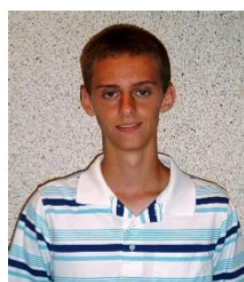
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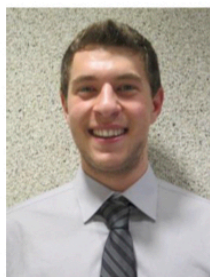
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