



Kenosha County

YOUTH AS RESOURCES

2012 - 2013 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 (YAR) for small grants of up to \$500, which may be used to purchase supplies for the 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.

Service Projects Funded by Kenosha County Youth As Resources:

Tie Away the Cold
\$380.00
Bristol Challenge 4-H Club

To help benefit the less fortunate in our community, youth from the Bristol Challenge 4-H Club made fleece blankets. Thirty youth cut, tied and assembled each blanket. Once completed, these youth coordinated with a variety of shelters whose employees would distribute the blankets to those in need.

Hoops and Breakfast Assistance
\$500.00
All Saints Catholic School

Youth from All Saints Catholic School worked with Frank Elementary School to provide a nutritional breakfast and healthy recreation every week. Materials such as books, dental supplies, and clothing were also collected and distributed to children in need of these things.

Composting at Dimensions
\$400.00
Girl Scouts of America

In an effort to raise awareness of wasted food, Girl Scouts created a composting system at Dimensions of Learning Academy. This two-year long project allows students to make a responsible, less wasteful, decision within their community.



<p>Hospital Helpers \$460.00 Youth Power</p>	<p>Youth shopped for and collected materials such as games, magazines, and supplies to make care bags for adults and children who were undergoing cancer treatment. The goal of this project was to reduce the anxiety and stress of these patients during treatment.</p>
<p>Vaulting Barrel \$160.00 Midwest Therapeutic Riding Program</p>	<p>Students that were training to become welders and carpenters built a vaulting barrel. This barrel will be used to benefit children with a wide range of disabilities by allowing them to gain confidence and achieve therapeutic goals on horseback.</p>
<p>Children's Book Drive \$450.00 Central High School Habitat for Humanity</p>	<p>Donations of pre-loved and gently used children's books were collected. An event was then organized so that families could stop by and pick up some books. The remainder of the books were donated to different institutions such as hospitals.</p>
<p>Big Baby Steps \$500.00 Christian Life's National Junior Honor Society</p>	<p>Members of Christian Life's National Junior Honor Society purchased the baby supplies, including diapers, wet wipes, thermometers, pacifiers, formula, clothing and blankets. These supplies were then donated to single parents and struggling families.</p>
<p>Eggs in the Park \$500.00 The Fellowship Church</p>	<p>Youth and Adults from the Fellowship Church planned and implemented an egg hunt in Lincoln Park for neighborhood residents. In addition to the egg hunt, families played games, made crafts and most importantly had fun. Hundreds of children and their parents/guardians participated in the event</p>
<p>Teaching Platform \$500.00 Boy Scouts of America</p>	<p>Boy Scouts built a three-sectioned dock-like teaching platform in the woods at Pringle Nature Center. The platform serves to create a place of learning. The hope is to bridge the world of learning with the outdoors.</p>



Restricted Hunting Signs \$150.00 Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scouts raised funds for supplies to make restricted hunting signs. These signs were placed in various areas of Richard Bong State Park. These signs serve to implement safety among campers and inform hunters of the parks' hunting status.
Bluebird Trail \$230.00 Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scouts built and maintained a bluebird house trail throughout Silver Lake Park. This trail consisted of 15-20 bluebird houses. This project helped to beautify the park and created more activities for guests to do. The intent of the project was to create a bridge between the community and the outdoors.
Park Trail Signs \$370.00 Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scouts worked together to build, create, and install a large trailhead sign at the entrance of the four hiking trails at KD Park. These signs serve to direct visitors of this new recreational park.

Kenosha County Youth As Resources Program Statistics

Period	Number of Grants	Funds Distributed	Youth Participants
2012 - 2013	12	\$4,600	311
2005 - 2013	98	\$ 35,520	3,570

Kenosha County Youth As Resources Funds provided by the United Way of Kenosha County.

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2012 – 2013



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Kenosha County Youth As Resources Board of Directors Service Projects

The Kenosha County Youth As Resources board members feel that it is important to give back to Kenosha County through their own service projects. Twice a year the board conducts service projects focused on a specific need in Kenosha County. This year board members volunteered time with First Step Services and cooked a spaghetti dinner for clients. In addition, the board also volunteered at the "Clothing Exchange" for Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education in which they assisted with transporting and sorting clothing donations.



The Leonard and Patricia Johnson Award for Community Service

Leonard and Patricia Johnson dedicated their lives to service. Among his many roles, Leonard was a teacher, Kenosha County Board Member and Chairman and founding member of the Kenosha County Youth As Resources Advisory Board. Patricia also served in many roles including providing leadership to several boards in Kenosha County including the Kenosha County Youth As Resources Endowment Committee.

The Leonard and Patricia Johnson Award for Community Service was created to recognize youth or a youth group that has made an outstanding contribution to Kenosha County through participation in the Kenosha County Youth As Resources program. The award focuses on these three key criteria: Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service.



The 2013 award winning project is:

All Saints Catholic School
"Hoops and Breakfast Assistance"

Kenosha County Youth As Resources Endowment Fund

The YAR Endowment Fund was created in 2008 in honor of Leonard Johnson, former Chairman of the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors and longtime County Board member who supported numerous UW-Extension youth programs. The Endowment Fund is designed ensure the long-range sustainability of the Kenosha County Youth As Resources program as only the earnings of the fund will be used to support local youth-led service projects.

To contribute to the YAR Endowment - <http://www.kenoshafoundation.org/donate.html>

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