



Kenosha County YOUTH AS RESOURCES

2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

What is Youth As Resources?

Youth As Resources is an organization dedicated to promoting and facilitating youth-led activism in Kenosha County. The Youth As Resources Board of Directors is made up of youth and adults from Kenosha County who meet once a month to discuss community issues, provide grants to youth-led community service groups and to plan community improvement initiatives. Youth board members develop leadership and citizenship skills while receiving guidance from experienced adults. The cornerstone of the Youth As Resources program is the idea that youth can make meaningful—not just symbolic—contributions to their communities.

Fall Service Projects Funded by Kenosha County Youth As Resources:

Keeping Kenosha Warm
\$360.00
Bristol Challenge 4-H Club



Bristol Challenge 4-H Club made homemade soup mixes in jars to give to the volunteers of the Meals on Wheels program in their community. The soup jars contained mixes for either a home-style chick soup or creamy potato soup and were decorated with a thank you card and recipe. The project was designed to thank those who volunteer and deliver meals to the elderly population that struggles to care for themselves.

Confronting Bias Film
\$410.00
Tremper High School



In order to educate the larger community, students from Tremper high School collaborated with the Kenosha Public Museum to present a screening of a student created digital documentary titled “Confronting Bias”. The organizing youth believed that a community event and screening will provide students with the opportunity to bring awareness to historical and contemporary social issues. The film highlights several movements including the Civil rights Movement.

Swim Project
\$370.00
Kenosha Bible Church



Youth members of the Kenosha Bible Church partnered with the YMCA to obtain swim gear for the “Frank Neighborhood Project”. The project is designed to provide youth from low-resource areas the proper equipment to participate in swimming activities. The goal of the program is to increase the overall attendance in swimming related programs.

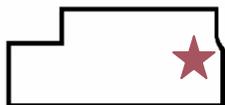
Shooting Range
\$500.00
Boy Scouts of America



A local Boy Scout developed a plan and created a public shooting range for young people at Bristol Woods Park. The range offers a safe place for young people to learn proper shooting techniques while getting hands-on experience. The range is open to all Kenosha County youth groups including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Kenosha County 4-H members.



Hunger Knows No Season
Bose Elementary
\$310.00



Every February, Bose Elementary School conducts a very successful food drive. This year, the food drive was bigger and better thanks to all the hard work the 3rd Graders did by designing brochures and donation bags and distributing these resources to neighborhood residents. In addition, the group painted large donation barrels and placed them at grocery stores for ease of use and publicity for the project.

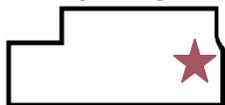
Spring Service Projects Funded by Kenosha County Youth As Resources:

Shelter Improvements
\$200.00
Boy Scouts of America



A local Boy Scout organized a project to repair an old and deteriorating shelter at Bong State Recreation Area located in Kansasville, WI. The team of volunteers replaced wood, repaired and painted benches and painted the entire shelter. Bong is a 4515 acre wildlife area that welcomes thousands of visitors each year.

Costume Room
\$100.00
St. Joseph High School



Students from St. Joseph's High School worked together to design and develop a costume room for their high school. The group created costume racks, built new shelving and storage areas and most importantly developed and posted guidelines to keep the costume room organized. Group members dedicated over 100 hours in completing this service project.

Lake Andrea Fire Pit
\$500.00
Boy Scouts of America



A local Boy Scout organized a project to rebuild the fire pit at Lake Andrea. The new fire pit area is safer and has increased seating. Lake Andrea was named after Senator Joseph F. Andrea for his significant contribution to the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Prior to 1995, the lake was an unsuccessful gravel pit, but now it is a beautiful lake that consists of approximately 110 acres of spring-fed water.

Armed Forces Support
\$380.00
Roosevelt Elementary



Students learned about citizenship and service by helping support United States troupes who were serving overseas. Students put together care packages based on their research of what the troupes actually needed. In addition to YAR funds, the group also wrote letters to solicit additional materials. 20 youth participated in the planning and implementation of this very important project.

Books for Shalom Center
\$220.00
Roosevelt Elementary



The three Roosevelt Elementary Kindergarten classes will create ABC books for the classroom at the Shalom Center and the Kenosha Literacy Center. Both organizations have stressed the need to good teaching resources that can be used at a very basic level. Over 40 youth participated in creating these books.



Cancer Awareness
\$260.00
Lincoln Middle School



Students at Lincoln Middle School coordinated a Cancer Walk at Lincoln Park to raise awareness of cancer and cancer resources in addition to raising funds to support cancer research. The Kenosha County YAR funds were used to purchase promotion items and other support pieces for the event.

Quilts for Kids
\$250.00
Girl Scouts of America



Girl Scout Troop 7096 worked together to make quilts for needy children in Kenosha County. The girls who worked on this project were responsible for buying the materials and constructing the quilts. The project served over 10 young children in Kenosha County. According to 2007 US Census estimates, 11.8 % of Kenosha County residents live at or below the poverty line.

Students Teaching Art
\$250.00
Lincoln Middle School



The Afterschool Ambassadors was a service orientated youth group offered at Lincoln Middle School during after school hours. This group of young people developed a program to teach art classes to students at Brass Elementary School. The Afterschool Ambassadors taught several projects and even coordinated an event for youth participants to have their work judged and displayed.

Packs for the Homeless
\$500.00
Kenosha Klovvers 4-H Club



Members of the Kenosha Klovvers 4-H Club worked together to coordinate the Happy Packs for the Homeless Project. Simply stated, homeless men and women would be given a small backpack filled with supplies and toiletries. The youth participating in this program also surveyed professionals who serve homeless individuals to ensure the supplies and toiletries would be used.

City Beautification
\$350.00
Girl Scouts of America



Girl Scouts Troop 7270 worked with Keep Kenosha Beautiful to plan a beautification program for the Kenosha Safety Center which included the planting of several flowers and plants. The girls learned many things including how to develop and implement a plan, recruit volunteers and secure funding sources.

Park Path Improvements
\$480.00
Boy Scouts of America



A local area Boy Scout used GPS mapping techniques to create a map that truly reflects the trail layout at the Pleasant Prairie Public Works Trail System. In addition to mapping this area, the youth led an effort in clearing debris, building benches and mounting sign houses to hold the newly created maps.



Kenosha County Youth As Resources Program Statistics

Period	Number of Grants	Funds Distributed	Youth Participants
2008 - 2009	16	\$5,440*	1,395
2005 - 2009	50	\$17,890	2,286

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

Kenosha County Youth As Resources Board of Directors Service Projects

The Kenosha County Youth As Resources board members also feel that it is important to give back to Kenosha County through their own service projects. Twice a year the board plans and implements service projects focused on a specific need in Kenosha County.

Fall Service Project “Hats for the Homeless”

2008-2009 marked the fourth year that Youth As Resources board members have made fleece hats to donate to the Shalom Center. This year the board was able to make nearly 100 hats and several scarves to keep the homeless of Kenosha County warm during the winter months. The Shalom Center was established in 1982. It is a private, non-profit organization that provides a safe and supportive environment to those less fortunate in the Kenosha community.



Spring Service Project “Recycling Resources”

Kenosha County Youth As Resources members took on a new issue this year and partnered with the Kenosha County UW-Extension Office to offer information about recycling programs offered to residents of Kenosha County. In addition to helping with distribution of written materials, a small group was interviewed on the local cable television program “Community Chat” hosted by Annie Jones.

The Leonard R. Johnson Award for Community Service

Leonard R. Johnson dedicated his life 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. The Leonard R. Johnson Award for Community Service was created to recognize 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: How have the actions of this group influenced the actions of others.

Citizenship: How has the group demonstrated that they are engaged the community.

Community Service: How has this group made a difference.



The 2008-2009 award winning project is: Confronting Bias Film Premier by students at Tremper High School

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