Community Foundation Programs (2015-2016 Program Year)

Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) conducts an annual survey with Community Foundations that promote youth philanthropy through a youth council or school-based program. Collected data is used to summarize the work and impact of youth philanthropists in Indiana communities, as well as provide insight into youth philanthropy trends.

Survey Participants:
27 Community Foundations representing **28** counties (4 school-based programs)
100% response to the survey (*not all respondents answered each question)

Youth Council Data (23 programs)

Number of Youth Involved	455	Endowment Funds	$1,535,013
Programs that Fundraise	10	Number of Grants Awarded	215
Fundraising Total	$32,746	Dollar Amount of Grants	$145,892
Programs that Asked for Personal Donation (Fundraiser or Endowment)	7	Programs that Perform Service	20
Percentage of Youth that Personally Donated	78%		

School-Based Program Data (4 programs)

Number of Schools Involved	19	Grades Encompassed	1st-8th
Number of Grants Awarded	19	Dollar Amount of Grants	$10,125

Examples of Youth Grantmaking

- Youth-serving organizations (libraries, museums, etc.)
- Faith-based organization projects
- Schools and school programs
- YMCA
- Senior citizen prom
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- United Way programs
- Reading programs
- Animal shelters
- Cancer organizations
- Pregnancy care centers
- Food pantries
- Homeless shelters
- After-school programs
- Salvation Army
- Red Cross
- Garden/park initiatives
- Various community programs

Activities Most Engaging and Rewarding for Youth

- Grantmaking process
- Meetings/collaborating
- Service projects
- Team-building activities
- Leadership development opportunities
- Nonprofit fair

Examples of Successful Service Projects

- Coat drives
- Food pantry drives
- Adopt family during holidays
- Backpack/school supply collection
- Volunteer at children's museum
- Salvation Army bell ringing
- Goody bags for police officers
- Souper Bowl of Caring
- United Way Day of Caring
- Helping at nursing homes
- Flag placement on veteran graves
- Special Olympics volunteering
- Birthday boxes for underprivileged children
- Reading with elementary students
- Head Start volunteering
- Book drives
- Cancer charity walk
- Cleaning up community
- Senior citizen prom/dance lessons

Challenges for Staff

- Time to administer program
- Student lack of time/other commitments
- Student engagement/taking the lead
- Recruitment
- School responsiveness
- Obtaining quality grant requests
- Keeping program fresh
- Student accountability
- Teaching how to solicit funds
- Record-keeping
- Visibility

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