



Kenosha County

YOUTH AS RESOURCES

2010 - 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

What is 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:

Kids Care
\$160.00

Roosevelt Elementary School



Twenty-three students from Roosevelt Elementary School planned and implemented a program to provide puzzles, games, snacks and art supplies to Kenosha County children who were recovering patients at local hospitals.

Film Fest 2011
\$200.00

Bradford High School



Collaborating with Carthage College, five Bradford High School students researched and wrote and produced a film focused on how to be critical on what the media presents to our society. These students also organized a public viewing that reached over 200 people. In order to evaluate the project's success, viewers of the showing were offered a postcard to provide feedback on the film.

Keeping Tremper Warm
\$200.00

Tremper High School



Thirty students from Tremper High School's Future Business Leaders of America chapter decided to provide warmth to other Tremper students who were less fortunate. FBLA members cut and tied the fleece blankets and worked with school administration ensure that all the blankets would be distributed to the students in need.

Your Special Day
\$500.00

Sarah Dugan



Eighteen Kenosha County youth provided monthly birthday parties for residents living in assisted living homes. Youth participants recruited volunteers, planned activities and conducted several parties that reached over 100 people.



Keeping Kenosha Warm
\$180.00
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-six 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.

Environmental Musical
120.00
Roosevelt Elementary School



Students at Roosevelt Elementary School created a musical about the environment and the importance of being eco-friendly. YAR funds were used to purchase costumes and props to help make this musical a success. Thirty-five students participated in the musical before an audience of over 500 community members. After completion of the project, students went into classrooms and shared what they learned about taking care of the environment.

Winterizing a Picnic Shelter
\$490.00
Boy Scouts of America



Twelve Boy Scouts worked together to winterize a picnic shelter at the Richard Bong State Recreation Area. The project specifically focused on the construction and installation of specially designed windows. The goal is to provide another year round meeting option for people.

The Times Are Changing
\$440.00
Bradford High School



Twelve Bradford High School students worked with library staff to redesign the Bradford High School library including the building of new shelves. In addition to these initial changes, these students eventually plan on building a digital media lab that all students can use to improve their education.

Tribute to the Veterans
\$480.00
Boy Scouts of America



Fourteen Boy Scouts planned and built a memorial to honor soldiers who have served our country. The memorial was constructed at Petrifying Springs County Park and features a 45 foot flagpole with six steel stands each carrying a description of a branch of service and POW-MIA. In addition to the flagpole, the memorial includes a bench for people to sit and reflect.

Peace Tree Labyrinth
\$440.00
Girl Scouts of America



Girl Scout members requested funding to complete the building of a labyrinth. This particular labyrinth will be built in downtown Kenosha by the lake and is designed to offer pedestrians a chance to sit, relax and meditate. This labyrinth has been three years in the making, and is anticipated to be completed before August of 2011.



Bradford Post Prom Party
\$410.00
Youth for Christ



Youth for Christ members planned and implemented an after prom dance devoted to stop potentially harmful decisions of young people following Prom. This post prom party was held at the YMCA, where attendees danced, played games, ate food and socialized in a safe environment.

Westosha Central Prom Party
\$410.00
Youth for Christ



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Opportunity for All
\$430.00
Bardford High School



In order to increase participation in the Bradford High School Cheerleading program, youth representatives participated in a clinic to help increase their knowledge and skills. In turn they shared what they had learned and provided additional support and training to other youth at Bradford High School.

Egg in the Park
\$495.00
The Fellowship Church



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.

Supporting our Veterans
\$360.00
Somers Chargers 4-H Club



Somers Chargers 4-H Club members designed and constructed a memorial to veterans at American Legion Post 552 in Somers, WI. The memorial included a bench along with garden beds where flowers will be planted on an annual basis.



Kenosha County Youth As Resources Program Statistics

| Period | Number of Grants | Funds Distributed | Youth Participants |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2010-2011* | 15 | \$5,290 | 255 |
| 2005 - 2011 | 73 | \$26,050 | 2,878 |

* 2010-2011 Kenosha County Youth As Resources Funds provided by the United Way of Kenosha County and the John J. and Ruth F. Kloss Charitable Trust.

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. This year board members volunteered time wrapping holiday gifts for underprivileged youth and also organized games for seniors at the Kenosha County Brookside Care Center.

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 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: 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 2011 award winning project is:

Sarah Dugan
"Your Special Day"

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