



Kenosha County YOUTH AS RESOURCES

2009-2010 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:

Holiday Care Packages to Our Troops
\$370.00
Urban League of Racine & Kenosha



Sixteen youth members of Urban League of Kenosha and Racine educated themselves about a military operation called "Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)". These youth then went to Kenosha's Lincoln Neighborhood and identified various U.S Army troops who are currently deployed in Afghanistan and made holiday care packages to the active duty personal. These packages included food supplies, personal hygiene products and other sorts of entertainment that would enrich the life of our soldiers.

Happy Packs for the Homeless
\$500.00
Bristol Challenge 4-H Club



Youth members of Kenosha Klover 4-H program collaborated ideas that would make vital impact on Kenosha's community. Upon composing ideas, Klover's 4-H program saw a need to improve the lives of Kenosha's homeless and underprivileged. With eight youth, the youth decided to purchase personal care items and distribute them to various shelters and centers that the homeless take refuge in.

St. Mary- Frank Elementary Friendship
\$370.00
St. Mary School



Over 100 youth from St. Mary's elementary brainstormed ideas that could somehow benefit Kenosha's youth. While brainstorming, students saw a need to help kids benefit who are less fortunate and live under the poverty line. St. Mary's then recognized that some parts around the area of Frank Elementary were in need of help and set a goal to help these kids. Through St. Mary's efforts, they coordinated a winter coat, boot and food collection that would directly benefit the youth at Frank Elementary. Afterwards, students from St. Mary and Frank Elementary hosted a hot coco and cookie party in order for students to get to know one another.



Tennis for Everyone
\$500.00
Bradford High School



In an effort to introduce under-privileged students to the sport of tennis, Bradford’s Boys Tennis team recognized how expensive it is to play a sport when starting from scratch and decided to buy wholesale tennis rackets from Wilson. Those rackets were then lent out to beginning players without rackets and could be used throughout the tennis season and for years to come.

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Tangled Memories
\$500.00
Bradford High School



In order to educate the larger community, students from Bradford High School collaborated with the Kenosha Public Museum to present a screening of a student created digital documentary titled “Tangled Memories”. 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.

FBLA Youth Tax Return Service
\$300.00
Tremper High School



Members of Kenosha’s Tremper High School’s Future Business Leaders of America club, decided to educate up-and-coming adults or teenagers, on how to file for tax returns. With a jaw dropping 115 members, they provided a free tax return service- for those who needed help and guided them on the steps they need to take when filling out tax returns in the near future.

Post Prom Party
\$400.00
Kenosha Youth for Christ



In an effort to stop prom drinking parties and promote a safe atmosphere for high school students. . Kenosha Youth for Christ came up with a novel idea of having a post pram party that welcomed all high school students. Hosted at the YMCA, this event included an entertainment DJ, swimming, rock climbing, basketball, volleyball, refreshments and all sorts of fun giveaways!

Kenosha County Youth As Resources Program Statistics

Period	Number of Grants	Funds Distributed	Youth Participants
2009-2010	7	\$2,940	300
2005 - 2010	66	\$23,290	3,681

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 “Holiday House”

2009-2010 was one of Youth As Resources most notable projects. With the help of Kenosha Christmas Charities along with many other non-profit organizations; Youth As Resources helped service a project for those who are less fortunate during the time of Christmas. This project included passing out donated food and gifts to families who could not afford these basic amenities. These food and gifts made the life of local Kenosha families more warmhearted during this special time of Christmas.

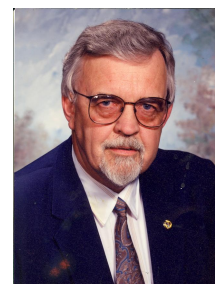


Spring Service Project “Planting Trees at Petrifying Springs”

Kenosha County Youth As Resources took on a new and slightly dirtier challenge this year, planting trees! With the efforts of Youth As Resources, members successfully planted trees throughout Petrifying Springs. These efforts included having to dig dirt and plant the tree seeds. In addition, these endeavors will serve a lasting impact on Petrifying Springs and also enriching Petrifying Springs natural beauty.

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 2010 award winning project is:

**Happy Packs for the Homeless
by the Kenosha Klovvers 4-H Club**

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