

# Fabulous Philanthropists

## The Youth Movement of Community Involvement

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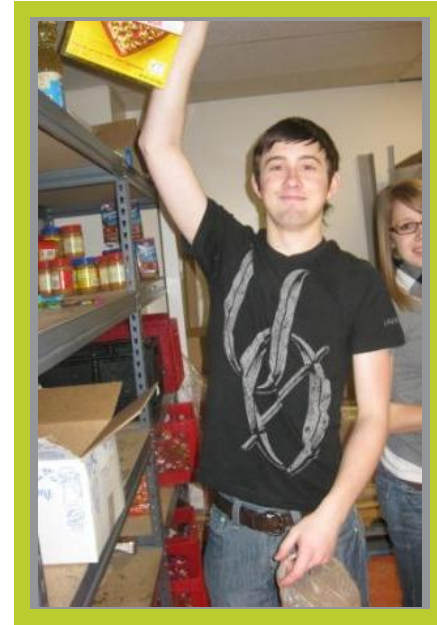
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# What is a philanthropist?



*Well, technically...*

**Philanthropist:**

One who participates in philanthropy

**Philanthropy:**

the effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations

*also:* love of humankind in general



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# Philanthropists

Philanthropists help people.

Philanthropists fix community problems.

Philanthropists work to make the lives of others better.

Philanthropists are citizens seeking a greater good for everyone.



# What is a Youth Empowerment Project?



YEP students are young philanthropists.



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# YEP Students Focus on Four Tenets of Philanthropy.



## Education about Youth Philanthropy

Students in YEP educate others about the importance of community philanthropy. We help our fellow community members see it is the key to community-oriented leadership.

## Service to the Community

YEP members serve. They work together on projects, and they also find ways to be involved in a way that is personally meaningful to them.



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## Fundraising

YEP students work to raise funds through a number of creative ideas. They organize events, host talent shows, sell tickets, rake leaves, host chili suppers... and the list goes on and on!

## Grantmaking

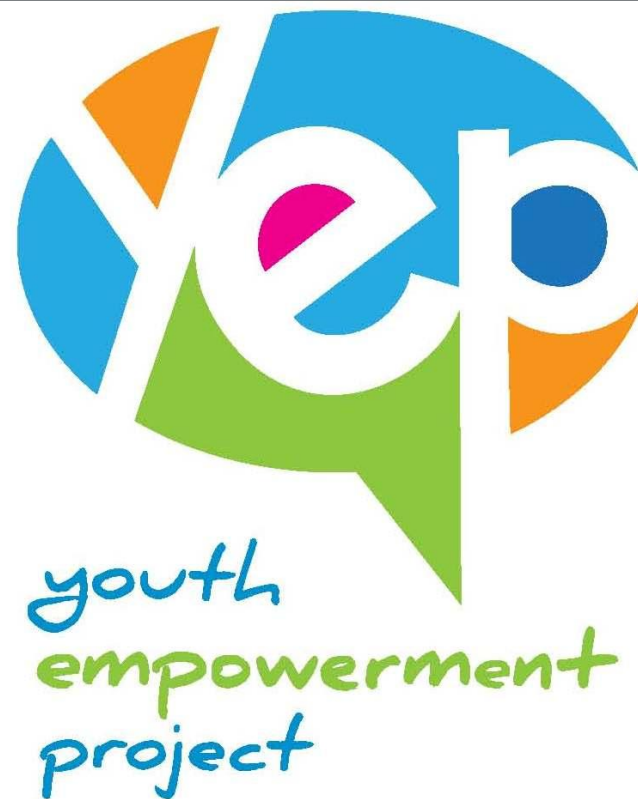
After the fundraising is done, it is time to make meaningful grants! YEP students make grants to support youth oriented and youth directed projects in their local communities.



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The mission of the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) is to empower youth to positively impact their community. This is accomplished through education, service, grantmaking, and fundraising.



# YEP Chapters

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks has continued to expand upon the Youth Empowerment concept by growing further into the Ozarks region. We are committed to the creation and development of YEP projects in rural Missouri communities. Currently there are 31 Youth Empowerment Projects and 4 Youth Gardening Projects in the Ozarks region.

**Ava (Douglas County), Bakersfield, Billings, Buffalo, Carl Junction, Carthage, Clinton, Couch, Dadeville, Eldon, Fordland (gardening), Gainesville (Ozark Cty), Halfway, Hollister, Lockwood, Logan-Rogersville (Gardening), Malta Bend, McAuley (Joplin), Monett, Nixa, Norwood, Ozark, Purdy, Reeds Spring, Sarcoxie, Seymour, Seymour (gardening), St. James, Springfield, Sherwood-Cass, Stockton, Warsaw**

# How to become a YEP Chapter

- Either gather a group to begin a YEP or use an already existing organization that needs a philanthropic purpose or a new direction.
- Sign a fund document with CFO to start your grantmaking account.
- Receive \$500 to begin your YEP from CFO and the Rural Schools Partnership.
- Join the online network and get in contact with other YEP chapters to share ideas.

# Questions

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