

YEP Fall Newsletter

December 2019

Hello!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about what Youth Engaged in Philanthropy has been doing so far throughout 2019-2020 cohort. This year our cohort consists of eighteen members and three mentors who include Amanda Hausner, Kathy Sawyer, and Eric Swanson. Our cohort is very grateful to have such a diverse group this year coming five different schools in the area! Our influential mentors have also given us incredible guidance throughout these past seven months together!

Most recently YEP has been keeping busy with the grant applicants of 2019. We received a total of seventeen grant applications with a total of \$38, 510.76 requested! We are extremely fortunate to receive so many applications. The cohort has enjoyed spending a majority of the November and December meeting on deciding the non profits we want to grant money. Then in the December IPCF board meeting, we will eagerly await the approval from the IPCF board to accept our final grant decision.

We also work on our elevator speeches, and a great way to practice is in public. Two of our members, Claire and Grant, went to a yearly luncheon that we have to share these speeches and celebrate the philanthropist of the year and to spread to people what YEP is.



This year our cohort prepared for the grant review meetings that took place in a few ways. Once all of the applications were submitted on October 31st, each member was able to access the applications and look over each one. This allowed for our discussions together to be efficient yet go into detail about each application YEP received. Furthermore, YEP had the opportunity to invite grant recipients of 2018 to our October meeting. The guest speakers were from the following non profit organizations: Child Protection Network, Fostering Dignity, Jump for Joy,

TS Institute, and Vespasian Warner Public Library. The cohort was eager to hear from each speaker and how the grant money had impacted every organization from many recipients perspectives. YEP also was able to watch a video of the MDA 2018 summer camp!



One major thing that YEP focuses on is volunteer work and helping out our community. Three of our members, Camryn, Devan, and Rylee, volunteered at Operation Santa. We have volunteered at Midwest Food Bank in which 10 members showed up. December 13th we are having another volunteer opportunity in which we are helping TFI at a local church.

Additionally, YEP has been working on making our time together during meetings more efficient! In doing so the cohort has actively signed up for leadership roles present throughout every meeting prior to the next future meeting date. We also have several committees that now meet after every meeting to use our time to its maximum potential. Overall these improvements have made YEP stronger as a cohort.

We would also like to take the time to inform YEP supporters of a few exciting events coming in the future! Soon enough the grant recipients will be announced and celebrated at the 2019 grant recipient celebration this February! YEP is also trying to put together more dine to donates to go along with our first previous one in October at Chipotle! If you would be interested, be on the lookout for information on these events. We are thankful for our supporters and appreciate all the support we receive! Finally, our facebook page has many great posts multiple times a month regarding YEP! [Like us on facebook](#) to stay updated if you wish to do so!