

Who We Are

YAR is a youth philanthropy group that seeks to empower and engage youth as partners with adults in creating positive community change. The YAR board provides grants of up to \$1000 to local youth in order to develop and carry out community service projects that address a clear community need. The funds for grants are made available through a grant from the Community Foundation. Apply for a grant or join the board now!



Y.E.S. & Service Learning

YAR is committed to having all grant recipients incorporate *Service Learning* into their projects. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. YAR has teamed up with Youth Voice, One Vision (YVOV) and Nazareth College, Department of Service Learning to create *Youth Engaged with Service (YES)*. YES is committed to incorporating service-learning into all of our projects and events.

What We Do

- The YAR board is governed by youth and adult members. Youth on the board are given equal voice alongside adults. They are entrusted with the responsibility of making funding decisions that will affect their neighborhoods and communities.
- Youth grant applicants develop skills in grant writing, civic engagement, teamwork, leadership, planning, and organizing
- YAR board members guide grant recipients through interviews, celebrations, and follow-up site visits
- YAR members engage in monthly teambuilding, training, and socialization activities
- The YAR board coordinates large-scale service learning projects in collaboration with YES 2-3 times per year
- **NEW:** Grants now are offered on a rolling basis, apply now!



Why Join?



For Youth:

- joining YAR is FREE; staff will provide you with free transportation and food
- work on a team
- get community service hours for school
- develop character, leadership and professional skills
- make a real difference in your community
- attend monthly social activities
- make new friends and have fun!!

For Adults:

- be a part of the solution to critical problems in Monroe County
- build meaningful relationships with community agencies
- serve as a role model for youth
- bring about mutual understanding and increased trust between youth and adults, leading to strong youth-adult partnerships

Meet our Board Members

"I've learned that service is doing things for the community, but service learning is doing things with the community."

-CJ

"I like YAR because we put on great events and we're serious about our work."

-Unique

"I've gained a lot of skills from being on the YAR board. We're like a family."

-Nyheir

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