

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE



KNOX COUNTY FOUNDATION

Youth Philanthropy Initiative Mission

- To enhance the Knox County Foundation's understanding of community needs from a youth perspective.
- To provide Knox County high school students a heightened appreciation of the role played by non-profit organizations in the community.
- To train young adults in the mechanics of community philanthropy, and to offer a unique opportunity to engage in community needs assessment, permanent endowment creation, and effective grant-making.



Founded: 2011

First Grants Awarded: 2012



Total Grants (2012-19): 109

Total Awarded (2012-19):
\$140,161



Contributions received:

\$224,781

Endowment Balance: \$134,625

Organizations YPI Has Helped...

Alcohol and Drug Freedom Center
American Red Cross of
Knox County
Brown Family
Environmental Center
Centerburg Local Schools
Centerburg Robotics Team
Centerburg Youth Shooting Sports
Community Concerts Association
Community Roots
Danville Athletic Boosters
East Knox High School
The Escape Zone
Flying Horse Farm
Foundation Park Conservancy
Fredericktown Schools
Friends of the Knox County

Animal Shelter
HopeNow, Inc.
Hospice of North Central Ohio
Interchurch Social Services
Knox County Career Center
Knox County Education
Service Center
Knox Community Hospital
Knox County Head Start
Knox County Health Dept.
Knox County Kids Succeed
Knox County Park District
Knox County
Probate-Juvenile Court
Knox Learning Center
Make a Wish Foundation
Mount Vernon City Parks

Mount Vernon City Schools
Mount Vernon Nazarene
University
MTVArts, Inc.
New Directions Shelter
Ronald McDonald House
St. Vincent dePaul School
Salvation Army
Sanctuary Community Action
Science Play Initiative
Shane Center
Soroptimists International
of Mount Vernon
United Way of Knox County
The Village Network
Yellow Jacket Boosters, Inc.
YMCA of Mount Vernon

Youth Philanthropy Initiative Members - Past and Present

Centerburg High School

Brady Bland '21
Kristen Caudill '21
Carter Jones '21
Zoe Webb '20
Olivia Gregory '20

Members Emeritus

Natalie Coffing '20
Chloe Merriman '19
Chloe Jarett '19
Jessica Sutton '18
Caitlyn Miconi '18
Bailey Lanigan '17
Emma Murrall '17
Hannah Hebenenthal '16
Alexis Mount '15
Melissa Layton '14
Daniel Schuster '13
Matthew Pozderac '12

Danville High School

Sierra Arnal '22
Camie Newbold '22
Anthony Odu '22
Wade Mickley '20
Vivian Hawk '20
Carol Ann Durbin '20

Members Emeritus

Reese Dorsey '19
Addison Wills '18
Eva Hawk '17
Julie Didinger '16
Michaela Frye '16
Lelia Jo Dusthimer '15
Monica Honabarger '14
Brendan Urban '13
Paige Arthur '12

Home School

Members Emeritus

Stephanie Harman '13

East Knox High School

Lucas Barnard '22
Alexandria Magers '22
Ashley Mast '22
Lillian Thomas '22
Kaylen Mann '20

Members Emeritus

Jeremiah Kohl '18
Lyndsay Gallwitz '17
Madison Murray '16
Emmanuel Singletary '15
Stephanie Probst '14
Tony (James) Gault '14
Joseph Byers '14
Haley Shipley '13
Kayla Stephenson '12
Zachary Sawicki '12

Fredericktown High School

Rachael Matthews '21
Lydia Stute '21
Rachael Patterson '22
Xavier Platt '22
Kelly Sapp '22
Paige Oswalt '20
Georgie Caputo '20

Members Emeritus

Chance Campbell '19
Leah Turner '19
Ethan Dowalter '18
Ryan Matthews '17
Rachel Caputo '16
Kara Dilts '15

Logan Singrey '15
Drew Currier '14
Rebekah Haip '14
Rachel Shaffer '13

Mount Vernon High School

Sophia Percy '22
Hunter Schisler '21
Jordan Schisler '21
Steven Schisler '21
Megan Campbell '21

Members Emeritus

Lexi Otto '20
Claire Mazzei '19
Hannah Sims '19
Veronica Morgan '18
Noah Shremshock '18
Chad Finnell '18
Benjamin Cook '17
Joshua McClure '17
Jillian Vance '17
Delaney Doup '16
Lauren Vosler '16
Abbey McClure '15
Corin Sponsler '14
Amanda Tier '14
Seth Badger '13
Daniel Tharp '13
Matthew Omahan '12
J. Levi Zolman '12

Advisor

Lisa Lloyd
Kara Fox

Advisors Emeritus
Ellen Blanchard

Stephanie Calondis Geiger

YPI Project Examples



YPI has supported MTVarts' Classics Series for several years. Performances are offered free to central Ohio high school students, typically with more than 600 attending annually. MTVarts works to bring classic literature to life on stage, a memorable experience for students and adults alike.



"Movie Mondays" have become a summer tradition at Ariel-Founda-tion Park, thanks to the support of YPI. Families look forward to this unique form of free entertainment that includes free food, movie, and the opportunity to explore and play in the park.



This year's YPI students are work-ing to conduct a county-wide Youth Needs Assessment that will be sent out soon to area high school stu-dents. The assessment will help de-terminate YPI's priorities when making grants in 2020.