



Youth Advisory Council

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

For Good. For Youth. For Ever.

Tri-Cities area high school students have a cool, unique opportunity to give back to their community.

There are 86 groups of teen givers all over Michigan who work through community foundations to help young people in need – people they don't even know – to have access to healthy food, tutoring, arts & cultural opportunities, and recreational programs.

These groups are called Youth Advisory Councils. The Youth Advisory Council started in 1990 with a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Since its beginning, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation's YAC has awarded more than \$1.2 million to programs and projects benefitting youth right here in the Tri-Cities!

Approximately 20 students from the Tri-Cities participate in YAC each school year. They meet to learn about the issues and needs facing their peers and seek solutions to improve their community. They are also grantmakers, reviewing grant applications from community organizations with programs & projects benefitting young people. Each year, our YAC awards grants to nonprofits, schools, churches, and units of government for programs impacting youth.

"Being on YAC has empowered me to realize the potential that I have to actively make a difference in my community. My ideas to impact my community have become tangible opportunities here!"

"My favorite part of YAC is that it's like another family that comes together with a goal to better the lives of others."

"Being on YAC is a really eye-opening experience. I get to see and hear about problems in the community I previously hadn't heard about. Also, the feeling of giving comes full circle making me feel good and it makes others feel better."

Interested in joining the YAC and making a difference?

Visit www.ghacf.org to learn more or email Lauren Grevel at lgrevel@ghacf.org or call 616-842-6378.