

YOUTH ENGAGED IN PHILANTHROPY

YEP is a youth-run organization sponsored by Illinois Prairie Community Foundation (IPCF). This group is made up of youth who are committed to serving organizations that benefit youth in DeWitt, McLean, Livingston and Logan counties. As a part of our community, we strive to connect those who care about youth with the monetary means necessary to pursue their vision. From youth, for youth.

FOR YOUTH

YEP is given the task of creating a grant application, distributing it to local service organizations and allocating these funds to youth focused initiatives.

ENDOWMENT

An endowment is an investment of money, in which the interest is spent or re-invested to further grow the fund. YEP started an endowment fund in 2015. With enough growth, the interest of the endowment can be used to distribute funds for the YEP grant cycle allowing YEP to become self-sustained.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YEP

To make a donation or learn more, visit CIYEP.ORG or email us at ipcfyep@gmail.com

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Illinois Prairie
Community Foundation

Illinois Prairie Community Foundation is a member of the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations, composed of community foundations of Illinois. Community foundations, such as IPCF, are grant-making public charities dedicated to improving the lives of people in the area. They bring together the financial resources of individuals, families, and businesses to support effective nonprofits in their communities. Visit ilprairiecf.org to learn more.



Grant Recipients 2025-2026

- Back to School Alliance - \$2,000
- Bloomington-Normal Youth Symphony - \$2,000
- Girl Scouts of Central Illinois - \$2,000
- Jump 4 Joy Squad - \$500
- Threshold to Hope - \$1,500
- Vespasian Warner Library - \$1,243

FUN FACTS ABOUT YEP

- In 12 years, YEP has received 198 grant proposals requesting over \$425,000
- To date, YEP has awarded \$117,228 to 95 programs impacting over 29,000 youth
- YEP received the Best Fundraiser Award from the Council of Michigan Foundations in 2015
- YEP was founded in 2013
- **Members have attended:**
 1. University HS
 2. Normal Community HS
 3. Normal Community West HS
 4. Bloomington HS
 5. Central Catholic HS
 6. Tri-Valley HS
 7. Olympia HS
 8. El Paso-Gridley HS
 9. Cornerstone Christian Academy
 10. Homeschool Network



Our members at our annual celebration & volunteering events!