



Our Year at a Glance

Pottawattamie Youth Council



2010-2011

MEMBERS 2010-2011

Taylor Clark	Treynor Community High School <i>Attending Creighton University in the Fall of 2011</i>
Catie Faust	Saint Albert High School <i>Attending Clarkson College in the Fall of 2011</i>
Becca Hilderbrand	Saint Albert High School <i>Attending Iowa State University in the Fall of 2011</i>
Taylor Hill	Treynor Community High School <i>Attending Creighton University in the Fall of 2011</i>
Abbey McDonald	Underwood Community High School
Samantha Robertson	Treynor Community High School <i>Attending Nebraska Wesleyan in the Fall of 2011</i>
Nathan Wink	Abraham Lincoln High School <i>Attending Iowa State University in the Fall of 2011</i>
Madison Clark	Treynor Community High School
Travis Hoffmann	AHST High School
Nolan Mantell	Treynor Community High School
Lea Spitznagle	AHST High School
Avery Umphreys	Treynor Community High School
Brittany Rupp	Abraham Lincoln High School
Sydney Russmann	AHST High School



Welcome New Members for the 2011-2012 Year:

Hope Philbrick – Abraham Lincoln, Yarenczy Morales – Thomas Jefferson, Alyson Teer – Thomas Jefferson, Joe Faust – St. Albert, Melanie Krohn – Abraham Lincoln, Idil Ahmed – Thomas Jefferson, Abby Plymale – AHST, Sarah Ingwersen – Thomas Jefferson, Lauren Myers – Abraham Lincoln, Emily Watts – Underwood, Jacqueline Lemos – Thomas Jefferson, Jennifer Olinde – Abraham Lincoln, Ikran Ahmed – Thomas Jefferson

KICKOFF

The opening retreat & orientation took place on October 17, 2010 in the Community Room at the Mall of the Bluffs. All members came together to learn about philanthropy, grant-making, service to others, leadership dynamics, & team building.



We participated in ice breakers, team building activities, & a grantmaking simulation. We also looked over final grant reports from the previous year & did a service project.

SERVICE



Between service projects, planning meetings, & grantmaking, PYC members volunteered over 123 hours of their time to the community. This equates to about \$2,627 in dollar value for their work within the community.



Holiday Baking:

PYC members baked cookies & other desserts to donate to local nonprofits and service groups as a thank you for their service in the month of December. We had fun baking & decorating, although we burnt a few cookies. We learned team work & baking skills, giving area group tasty goodies.

Free Compliments:

After learning about the Free Compliment Guys of Purdue University, PYC members gave out "free compliments" to shoppers at the Mall of the Bluffs. It was easy to see how a few kind words could really help others to build confidence and brighten their day.

Community Quest Adventure:

PYC members assisted Trailblazers Ministry in an afternoon of activities for area youth in Bayliss Park. Members helped by playing with children, including leading tours at the railroad museum.

GRANTING

The Pottawattamie Youth Council, comprised of youth ages 14-19, annually distributes grant funding. These grants fund positive projects that create activities for children, expand networks, & aid youth in our area, resulting in lasting relationships between adults, youth, & children.

Community organizations & groups apply for grant funding up to \$2,000 in the fall &/or spring. PYC members select what projects receive funding.

During the 2010-2011 grant cycles, PYC received many applications & selected to support 26 projects totaling \$35,400.

The Pottawattamie Youth Council is a program of Promise Partners—Pottawattamie County's Alliance for Youth. Grant funding is provided by the Iowa West Foundation & Prevent Child Abuse Iowa.



Bluffs Arts Council:

\$900 - Bluffs Squirrel Arts Classes for family members to attend.

Bridge Builders:

\$2,000 - Dream Teams held for area youth to help in reaching dreams and goals.

Completely Kids

(formerly Camp Fire USA):

\$2,000 - Family nights for students at Rue & Walnut Grove Elementary.

Carter Lake Community Resource Center:

\$1,450 - Family dinner & movie nights to provide together time.

\$1,200 - Family bingo & pizza nights.

City of Council Bluffs:

\$1,000 - Activities for youth at the First Night New Years Event.

Children's Square USA:

\$1,000 - Chapter 1 Program holiday party to help youth & families find community resources.

\$1,700 - Summer activities and art camps for youth.

AMP (formerly Elevate):

\$1,500 - Holiday celebration & support for youth in foster care.

Family Inc:

\$1,800 - Healthy family cooking nights.

HOPE-Net Ministries:

\$700 - Family meals to build up community connections.

Iowa Legal Aid:

\$1,200 - Legal access & support for young people.

Kanesville Alternative Learning Center:

\$1,500 - Family nights with meals, games, & education held for students.

\$2,000 - Family cookouts held over the summer months.

Trailblazers:

\$1,450 - Activities and adventures for families & youth.

\$,2000 - Community-Quests adventures held at area parks for young people.

Lutheran Services of Iowa:

\$500 - Respite day camps for children with disabilities.

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Conservation Foundation:

\$900 - Botna Bend community outreach including family days.

TS Bank:

\$1,000 - In-School banking for elementary & high school students.

Council Bluffs Parks & Recreation:

\$1,000 - Evening movies in the park.

Lighthouse Temple Open Bible Church:

\$2,000 - Community garden.

First Christian Church:

\$2000- Youth softball league.

Boys & Girls Club:

\$2000- Scholarships for homeless youth from the Micah House to attend programming.

Lutheran Family Services:

\$1000- Holiday gathering for families with kids under the age of 5 years.

Treynor Community School:

\$1000- Multi-cultural night for residents of Treynor.

Community Education Foundation:

\$600- Family fun day for STAR Scholarship recipients.



YEAR END

2010-2011 PYC Scholarship Recipient:

Taylor Clark is an active member of PYC & involved in Treynor's Student Government, Speech, National Honor Society, & Yearbook. She has shown true leadership at its best when she spearheaded a coat drive as a service project to help others that are suffering from poverty & hopelessness on the American Indian reservations. Taylor will be attending Creighton University in the fall to study nursing.

2011 Youth Grant Making Conference:

Brittany Rupp & Lea Spitznagle attended the youth summer leadership conference held at Michigan State University in June, 2011. They came together with over 300 young people from across the country for a three day training & educational opportunity to learn about best-practices in philanthropy & empowering young people. The theme for the conference was 'Philanthropy for Social Change: Observe. Act. Impact.'

Henry Doorly Zoo:

PYC members got together to end a great year with an overnight trip to the zoo. Current 2010-2011 members & new 2011-2012 members were encouraged to attend. Members took educational tours of the zoo grounds & got a behind the scenes view of the aquarium.



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