

What does YIAC do?

Bay Area Community Foundation YIAC members wear many hats. They are **grantmakers**, awarding grants to local nonprofit organizations for projects, which will directly benefit the youth of Bay County.

They are **researchers** doing periodic “needs assessments” with Saginaw Valley State University to identify the most serious youth issues in order to be proactive in addressing the community’s needs.

They are community **volunteers** taking part in group service projects.

They are **leaders**, honing their skills at board and committee meetings, regional and summer leadership training programs and by making presentations about their work to the Bay Area Foundation Board of Trustees and various civic groups.



“Working with youth will be like a stone thrown in a pond: the ripples keep expanding far beyond our time and space, far beyond our ability to measure of perhaps even envision.”

Dr. Russell G. Mawby
Chairman Emeritus, W. K. Kellogg Foundation

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Youth Initiative Advisory Committee



Who better to shape a brighter future than those who will be living in it?

What is the Youth Initiative Advisory Committee (YIAC)?

- The Youth Initiative Advisory Committee is a group of area youth who are learning about philanthropy and serving the community through a variety of activities and leadership positions.
- The YIAC is made up of 7th—12th grade students from area middle schools, high schools which also include home schooled students.
- The YIAC was started in 1988 with the initial funding coming from a \$1,000,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to establish a youth endowment.
- The YIAC gives students an opportunity to learn about philanthropy. Students learn to meet community challenges by granting funds for good causes. They learn the need to be good stewards by having to make tough decisions in grant making because there are always more good programs than funds available.
- The YIAC is structured just like its community foundation “parent” in many ways. It has a governing board and operations are carried out by a number of committees. Current committees include Marketing, Membership, Grantmaking, Volunteer and “Special Projects”.

What can you do?

- If you are a 7th—12th grade student in Bay County...**GET INVOLVED!**
- If you are a parent, teacher or school counselor...**ENCOURAGE A YOUNG PERSON TO JOIN US!**
- If you are affiliated with a youth-serving non-profit organization in Bay County...**ASK ABOUT OUR GRANT PROGRAMS.**
- If you are a person concerned about the future of our youth and community...**SUPPORT US WITH YOUR DONATIONS TO THE BAY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.**



For information on how to apply for membership on the YIAC or for a YIAC grant application, visit our website @ www.bayfoundation.org.

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Recent Grant Awards

Bay Arenac ISD
Imagination Library and Virtual Travel program

Bay County Library System
Construct YOUTH ROOMS in all libraries

Bullseye Golf Foundation
“Golf for Life” Program

State Theatre
Educational and entertainment Programs for all area schools

Bay City Public Schools
Purchase science kits for elementary and intermediate school programs

Last Five Years YIAC Grant Totals \$372,660.00

