

Involvement Requirements

Y.I.C. usually has a regular meeting once per month, unless we have lots to get done during the grants program or when planning projects. Plus we do community service projects once or twice a semester. We know that high school students get busy with lots of things, so members are asked to participate and attend meetings and service events as often as possible. Members are expected to serve in leadership roles as club officers and committee members.

Want to Know More?

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School Attending _____

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- Learn about area non-profits
- Plan & participate in community service projects
- Earn community service hours
 - Make new friends
 - Learn about philanthropy
- Participate in a grant making process and help make grant award decisions
- Become a community leader

• **JOIN Y.I.C.!**

The youth of today are our leaders and philanthropists of tomorrow. That is why GMCF formed the Youth Impacting Community organization to educate these young people about philanthropy and how it impacts the lives of others around us. Y.I.C. directly involves youth in every step of the grant making process.



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Y.I.C.

YOUTH IMPACTING COMMUNITY



*The Greater Manhattan
Community Foundation
Youth Philanthropy Program*

What is Y.I.C.?

Y.I.C. stands for Youth Impacting Community. We are a group of high school aged youth from around the Manhattan, KS area who want to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We do this by learning about community needs, participating in community service projects, and awarding grants to local non-profit organizations who serve youth.



2016 YIC Grant Recipients and YIC Members

How We Got Started

Y.I.C. was started by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF). In 2002 they applied for a grant from the Ewing Kauffman Foundation to begin a youth philanthropy program in Manhattan. GMCF received that grant and the rest is history! They continue to sponsor our group by providing adult leaders and funding for our grant program.

Y.I.C. Activities

GRANT PROCESS

YIC has the privilege of distributing \$6,500 or more annually to local non-profit organizations for youth related projects. YIC members create the guidelines for the projects, evaluate the grant applications, test the project ideas for efficiency, distribute the money, and evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. To complete the process we have a Grantee Reception to honor our grant recipients. Here is a recent example of a YIC grant cycle when we awarded a total of \$7,300 to:

- Birthday in a Box MHK
- Flint Hills Foster Teen Camps
- Manhattan Basketball Association
- Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.
- Manhattan Royal Family KIDS Camp
- Mid-West Educational Center, Inc.
- Ogden Friendship House of Hope
- Relate 360 Inc.
- Riley County Extension Service
- Sunflower CASA Project, Inc.
- The First Tee

SERVICE PROJECTS

YIC has typically chosen one or two projects each semester, in which we do some hands-on work at a local community service agency. We usually try to do these on “no school Fridays.” YIC has volunteered at various organizations including: Flint Hills Breadbasket, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Sunflower CASA Project, and many more. These service projects do count for service hours at school.

YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Youth Service Day connects youth from different organizations and different interests, creating a communitywide collaborative event. For the past several years we have chosen work with the Manhattan Parks and Rec Service to “revitalize the trails” in local parks.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Community Foundation Awards (CFAs) began in 2014 as a way to recognize and promote the amazing Time, Talent and Treasure that is making a difference in our community. Each year YIC members volunteer to help at this event. Also, one YIC member is recognized at the event to receive the “GMCF Youth Volunteer Award.”



Christina Griese, 2016 Youth Volunteer of the Year