

Expectations

YIC meets once per month and hosts community service projects one-two times a semester. Members are asked to participate and attend meetings and service events as often as possible. Members have the opportunity to serve in leadership roles as club officers and committee members.

Activities

YIC grants \$20,000 annually to local non-profit organizations. Members create guidelines for projects, evaluate grant applications, test projects for efficiency, and distribute money. Members participate in an annual Grantee Reception held to honor GMCF grant recipients and the GMCF Annual Meeting and Community Foundation Awards.



Members researching grant applications

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



"Youth Impacting Community is a great organization to join because it shows you how small donations and volunteering can make a big difference for local non-profit organizations."

Eli Conley,

President (2022-23)

2023 Youth Volunteer of the Year

***The youth of today are our leaders
and philanthropists of tomorrow.***

YOUTH IMPACTING COMMUNITY



YIC





YIC CFA Chocolate Volunteers

What is YIC

Youth Impacting Community (YIC) is a group of high schoolers from the Manhattan, KS, area who want to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Members of the group are given the opportunity to learn about community needs, participate in community service projects, and award grants to local non-profit organizations that serve youth.

How We Got Started

The program was started by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) in 2002. GMCF received a grant from the Ewing Kauffman Foundation to start a youth philanthropy program in Manhattan. GMCF continues to sponsor the group by providing advisors and grant funding.

Youth Volunteer Day

Youth Volunteer Day connects youth from different organizations and interests, creating a community-wide collaborative event. In the past few years, we have chosen to work with the Manhattan Crisis Center and Manhattan Emergency Shelter.

Community Foundation Awards

The Community Foundation Awards (CFA's) began in 2014 to recognize and promote the Time, Talent, and Treasure that is making a difference in our community. Each year YIC members volunteer to help at this event. One YIC member is recognized at the event to receive the "GMCF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award."



Eli Conley receiving the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

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Scan the QR code to visit our website and access our online sign up form.



2022 Youth Volunteer Day

Questions?

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