

Some of YAC's past/ongoing projects

- Conducts Youth Needs Survey for 7, 9 and 11 grade students in Lapeer County every three years.
- Purchases and distributes school supplies and backpacks to all Lapeer County schools for youth in need.
- Adopts two families through Holiday Depot for the past 15 years to provide toys and food at Christmas. We also wrap the Holiday Depot Collection barrels prior to distribution and decorate their storefront window.
- Makes fleece tie blankets for local non-profits in Lapeer County.

In the past five years, YAC has given over \$100,000 in grants and service projects to benefit youth-related programs in Lapeer County.



Some of our YAC participating in the Fantasy Forest at Rowden Park in Lapeer.

Some of YAC's past grants awarded to:

- All Lapeer County high schools for Project Graduation
- LCISD to start a pilot robotics program and materials for career/technical education camps
 - Lions Bear Lake Camp to send visually and hearing-impaired Lapeer County children to summer camp
 - Almont Athletic Boosters for a new football scoreboard for Almont High School
 - Stone Soup Food Pantry to purchase a refrigerated truck to distribute perishable and non-perishable food in Lapeer County
- Almont Middle School for a Motivational Speaker- Jim "Basketball" Jones
- Dryden High School for the purchase of 30 premium headsets to be utilized in world language classes.
- Strike Zone Team #5460 for the purchase of a trailer to haul robots and equipment.
- Almont and Imlay City High Schools to start Angel Closets-Clothing and Personal needs items
- Lapeer County LEAF Fund to support the endowment
- North Branch Area Schools for a Protecting Young Eyes Presentation
- The Child Advocacy Center for the purchase of furniture, toys, painting, and misc. furnishings

Could you...

- ...make decisions about granting funds to youth projects?
- ...learn about youth needs and ways to help your community?
- ...commit to attend regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year?
- ...work with adults and demonstrate that youth are community resources?

Lapeer County Community Foundation

YAC
Youth Advisory
Committee

YAC is the Youth Advisory Committee, a youth grantmaking body of the Lapeer County Community Foundation. YAC Consists of students in grades 7-12 representing all school districts throughout Lapeer County.

Members volunteer their time to assess community needs, study issues important to youth and evaluate grant proposals.

The group is also proactive in the community, seeking grant opportunities and participating in several community service projects annually.



Where does YAC get its grant money?

The seed money for the Lapeer County YAC Fund was made possible in 1996 by a challenge grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. We also receive donations throughout the year from generous donors who support the work we do.

With the interest earned from this endowed fund, YAC makes grants that address issues of concern to the youth in Lapeer County.

It's a great opportunity for voices of Lapeer County youth to be heard as well as involved in philanthropy.

What is the time commitment?

We are always looking for new members who can make a commitment to:

Meet at least once a month throughout the year.

Make a difference in your community.

Complete four or five community service projects yearly.

Sounds interesting!
How can I get more information or apply for membership to YAC?

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Each year we adopt two families through Holiday Depot. We shop, wrap and deliver the gifts to the families.

YAC

Provides funding for programs that address youth needs while teaching members about leadership, philanthropy, and responsibility.

YAC's primary mission is to discover areas of concern to young people in the community and make grants to groups whose projects address those concerns.

Each year the YAC makes fleece tie blankets for Lapeer County non-profits who use the blankets for their clients.

