



2025-2026

Parent/Guardian Welcome

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Community Giving Foundation would like to thank you for allowing your student to participate in the Youth in Philanthropy program. We are looking forward to an exciting school year!

This year a milestone **twenty local school groups** will be participating in the program! Each school's Youth in Philanthropy group is given up to \$5,000 to disburse to community and school organizations that benefit youth issues. This initiative is funded by endowment funds of the Community Foundation as well as individual and business contributions. For more information about the Youth in Philanthropy program, visit csgiving.org/youth-in-philanthropy.

There are two components of the program. The first is philanthropy and grant making. The second focus is understanding volunteerism and community service. In addition to awarding grants, students learn what a community foundation is all about and the importance of nonprofit organizations in the community. Student meetings are held at their school and at the Community Giving Foundation Office as well as other nonprofit organizations in the community. Throughout the year, students assess youth needs, gain knowledge of local nonprofits, award grants, practice general meeting skills, and take steps to become a philanthropist.

In addition to our regular program we have partnered with The **Lilly Family School of Philanthropy** for this year's kickoff, whose mission is to increase understanding of philanthropy and generosity around the world through multidisciplinary research, transformational education, professional development, professional practices, and active engagement. The openly welcome change-makers including learners, practitioners, communities, donors, and all who are curious about philanthropy, making them a perfect compliment to Youth in Philanthropy!

We would like to make sure that you are aware of your child's participation in this program. **Please sign the attached form and ask your student to return to their advisor prior to the their first off-site meeting.** In addition, we would like to forward you future correspondence about the Youth in Philanthropy program including the grants awarded at the end of the school year. Please include your mailing address and contact information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at **570-854-3504** or **aMeyers-Sanonu@csgiving.org**.

Yours in Giving,

Alyssa Meyers-Sanonu

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Director of Philanthropy



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Parent/Guardian Commitment Form

By signing below, I verify that I am aware of my child's participation in the Youth in Philanthropy program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student Name

Name of High School

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address (Street)

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address (City, State, Zip)

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Email Address



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Member Commitment Form

I, _____ accept the position as a volunteer member on the Youth
in Philanthropy group of the Community Giving Foundation for the 2025-2026 school year.

By accepting this position, I also pledge to accept and follow-through on the responsibilities that come
with this position:

- To attend meetings on a regular basis. If I must miss a meeting, it will be an exception to my regular attendance.
- To use appropriate behavior and actively participate in meetings.
- To review responsibilities and other information so that I may be prepared and contribute to the meeting.
- To avoid conflicts of interest and appropriately handle actual or apparent conflicts of interest in my relationships.
- To keep meeting discussions confidential and not take decisions personally.
- Be an active participant by helping my group complete tasks while bringing forth ideas and respecting my peers.
- Take an active role in all aspects of the grant making process.
- To be a responsible steward of the money allocated for youth in our community. I will form my opinions objectively and without bias so that decisions made reflect the community's best interest.

Sincerely Signed,

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Name of High School

Date

Student Shirt Size (XS, Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL): _____



Photo Release Form

Photo Release/Permission Form

I give my consent to the Community Giving Foundation to use the below student's name, photograph, portrait, and any likeness, in any media form and type of publication, including newspapers, social media, annual reports and newsletters, and grant to the Foundation all rights to said use without compensation.

Student Participant's Name: _____

School District: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____