



Youth in Philanthropy



About the Rivers and Area Community Foundation...

What is a Community Foundation?

A Community Foundation is a simple but very powerful way to provide a personal approach to community philanthropy.

We bring together people who care very much about their community and offer them different funding pathways to provide support for their community and achieve their personal charitable goals.

These create a lasting contribution for the creation and sustainability of community projects.

Rivers and Area Community Foundation is proud to be a member of Community Foundations of Canada.

History

Rivers and Area Community Foundation was formed in 2008 as a direct result of a large bequeath from Bernard Goekoop, who farmed near Rivers his entire life. His will stipulated that his money be left to the Rivers and Area Community Foundation. If that did not exist, then it was to go to the Brandon Area Community Foundation. There were four initial directors who saw the need to start the Rivers Foundation – Wayne Wareham, Al Morken, Donna Morken and Brian Carlisle. From these four, the Rivers and Area Community Foundation became a reality with the addition of 8 more directors.

Rivers and Area Community Foundation also look after the Leonard and Gladys Burt Family Fund and the Society of Friends of Rivers Collegiate Scholarship.

They were the first community foundation in Manitoba to provide a grant to the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation philanthropy program for the placement of Automatic External Defibrillators within communities in its granting area.

The Foundation works for the good of the community and area. Through charitable donations they do “smart and caring” investing in our community and watch it grow.

The Foundation exists to provide and advance the quality of life in the community by developing permanent endowment funds and making responsible grants for the good of our community.

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What is Youth in Philanthropy?

Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is a program designed to introduce motivated youth, like you, to philanthropy and local community development. The program will give you hands-on experience working as a team and with the local charitable organizations to help your community thrive. It's a one-of-a-kind experience.

The History of YiP

In the spring of 2017, with the support of the Thomas Sill Foundation, the Rivers and Area Community Foundation and Rivers Collegiate launched its first Youth in Philanthropy program. This program's goal is to engage youth in their communities and philanthropy to create positive social and environmental change through involvement with the local community foundation. The first grants will be awarded in the spring of 2018.

How does the YiP Program work?

The program begins in the fall each year, when the school forms the committee. The committee has money to distribute to charities of its choice, and for administration.

First, we discuss our areas of grant making focus and determine the goals of your committee. Then we research the charities that meet our criteria and learn more about what they do.

With input from the committee members, we decide on which charities will receive the grants and how much each will receive. We will then meet with the members of the Rivers and Area Community Foundation for final approval. In May, the program will wind up with a grant awards presentation for YiP participants, staff, and grant recipients.

Through YiP you will gain skills that will last you a lifetime and learn about some amazing people and organizations doing powerful work to make our community better.