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Youth Philanthropy Committee

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Grant Application Timeline

January 2010
Begin Accepting Grant Applications

March 12, 2010
Grant Applications Due

April 2010
Site visits

May 2010
Grants Awarded

2009– 2010 YPC Committee

Ben Hemmelgarn, President
Elizabeth Herzog, Vice President
Michael Guidugli, Secretary
Lea Browning, Public Relations Officer

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Brittany Rye
Austin Stout
Christopher Tarrant
Corey Vernot

YPC Wins "Great Grant" Award

"A Second Look: Seeing Challenges as Opportunities" was the theme for this year's Youth Grantmakers Summer Youth Leadership Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The Hamilton Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Committee (YPC) members, Ben Hemmelgarn and Dominic Jonson represented the Hamilton Community Foundation YPC at the conference June 26-28th.

The conference, sponsored the Council of Michigan Foundations Youth Project, enabled the students to interact with and learn from more than 250 other youth advisory council members from seven states. During the conference, each Youth Philanthropy Committee was asked to present their top grant award. Of the 50 different groups that presented, five great grants were selected.

The Hamilton Community Foundation YPC felt their grant to Sojourner Recovery Services – Playground Project was the grant they wanted to present. On the last day of the conference the top five Great Grant Award winners were announced and the Hamilton Community Foundation YPC was one of the winners!

"By attending the summer conference, it gave us opportunity to meet youth grant makers from other states and get great ideas that we can bring to our community," said Ben Hemmelgarn, 2009 President of YPC. "Also, winning the Great Grant Award at the conference was exciting and rewarding to know that out of the 50 grants presented, our grant was one of the top five awarded."

In addition to a certificate, additional dollars was provided by the Council of Michigan Foundations to YPC.

YPC President, Ben Hemmelgarn (right) and Dominic Jonson, (left) receive "great grant" award from Rob Collier, President of Council on Michigan Foundations at the summer conference.

Ben and Dominic enjoy lunch at the conference.

YPC Welcomes New Members at Retreat

Spending the day at YMCA Camp Campbell Gard getting to know each other, experiencing the high ropes and other team-building activities was the order of the day in August. With 13 new members this year, team-building and camaraderie will be important as members come together to make a difference in their community.

In addition to the other activities, President, Ben Hemmelgarn shared his goals for the group this year.

"After reviewing the results of our needs assessment survey , we found most students didn't know anything about our group or the work we do in the community," said Ben. "One goal is to make our community aware of us including the grants we provide to area nonprofit organizations."

Thank you to Colonial Services for donating their bus to transport YPC to camp again this year!

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The Youth Philanthropy Committee was established in 2005 by the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton Community Foundation as a way to teach area youth the importance of philanthropy. The goals are to teach young people about fund development for important projects, volunteer their time in the community and learn how to distribute funds to create the greatest impact in the community.

The Youth Philanthropy Committee, the youth grant making arm of the Hamilton Community Foundation is comprised of 20 high school students from Badin, Hamilton, New Miami and Ross high schools. Annually, since their inception, they have awarded more than $30,000 to area organizations serving the youth.

Grants awarded to local organizations

The Youth Philanthropy Committee granted more than $35,000 to area organizations in May 2009. The organizations selected were Alcohol & Chemical Abuse Council, Boys/Girls Club of Hamilton, Butler County Educational Services Center, City of Hamilton Police Department – F.R.O.G.S. Program, Great Miami Valley YMCA Summer Programs, Hamilton Living Waters Ministry Summer Programs, Kelly's House of Love, Kinship Navigation- Kinship Kickers, MetroParks of Butler County, One Way Farm, Sojourner Recovery Services Playground Project and the YWCA Literacy Program.

To learn more about the projects supported, visit the Foundation's website at **www.hamiltonfoundation.org.**

Youth Philanthropy Committee members present a check for $3,400 to Sojourner Recovery Services for their Playground project.