What is Youth Grantmakers?

In 2009, the Inland Empire Community Foundation’s Youth Grantmakers (YG) program was created to empower youth to address issues that are important to them by participating in the grantmaking process. Through this year-long program local high school students become active agents of change, preparing them for responsive community leadership and practical hands-on service. Some of the opportunities for our Youth Grantmakers to gain experience and skills from the program include the following:

• Conduct surveys to determine the current concerns and needs of their peers
• Attend site visits of local nonprofit organizations
• Listen to nonprofit grant request presentations during monthly meetings
• Conduct numerous community service projects
• Read and analyze grant applications while prioritizing many worthwhile grant requests
• Respectfully debate the most critical community needs while listening to others’ perspectives
• Award grants to nonprofits that address the needs of youth in their community

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• Teaches philanthropy primarily to high school students through grantmaking
• Enables donors to support the training and education of the next generation of philanthropists
• Benefits local nonprofits receiving grants; prepares participating youth for responsive community leadership and practical hands-on services

Who are the Youth Grantmakers?

Our YG program is made up of high school students from across our two-county region. We now have 5 Youth Grantmakers Programs: Riverside, Coachella Valley, San Bernardino, and a Native program.

For more information about the Youth Grantmakers Program, contact Celia Cudiamat, Senior Vice President of Grants and Community Impact at ccudiamat@iegives.org or 951.241.7777.

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