

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy give \$10k to community groups

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NORMAL — A youth-led group has distributed \$10,330 in grants to eight local programs that help young people.

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy shared the grants in partnership with Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

Recipients included Bloomington Junior High School junior varsity basketball team, Child Protection Network, National Alliance on Mental Illness, 100 Black Men of Central Illinois, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Miller Park Zoo, Regional Alternative School and Western Avenue Community Center.

This year's grants are expected reach more than 5,000 children.

"I'm proud of YEP and everything it has done, is doing and will do in the future," said Kylie Personette, chair of public relations and marketing committee for YEP, in a press release.

YEP includes 25 Pantagraph-area high school students who create and distribute grants for nonprofit organizations.

YEP members select grant recipients with youth-focused programs. Priority is given to organizations that include youth in the application process.

Money is raised through member contributions and community leaders who help raise donations.