

Youth Action Hudson



FALL 2018

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YAH Youth “Fall” into Action!

Looking Back...

Youth Action Hudson hosted its Annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Thursday, June 7th. The purpose of this event is to recognize the impact our youth volunteers have made throughout the Community. At this event we highlighted the 18 YAH youth who qualified for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) and the 3 YAH youth who received the Youth Action Hudson Scholarship.

YAH volunteered at the John Coughlin Resource Center Community Garden during the week of June 16th– June 22nd. The Community Garden provides fresh produce to the 13 food pantries throughout the St. Croix County. YAH hosted its 2nd Annual Yoga in the Park on Thursday June 21st. This event is a free yoga class offered to the public in an effort to promote health and wellness throughout the Hudson Community. YAH youth also volunteered at Relay for Life, Dementia Friendly Coalition, and walked alongside “Scrappy” in the Booster Days Parade.

YAH youth hosted their annual Community Wide Book Drive, where they

Collected over 1,000 books which were then donated to Books for Africa, Grace Place or placed in Free Little Libraries.

YAH hosted its first ever Cash Raffle Drawing on July 9th, where \$2,000 in funds were raised to support our essential programming. See back for details regarding winners. YAH youth assisted with the Summer Backpack program on July 11th, where items are distributed to identified students in need.

YAH youth participated in River Fest by cleaning up trash in Lakefront Park on July 17th. The trash collected is used to adorn “Scrappy,” a large metal fish sculpture that is showcased in local parades and events. Youth Action Hudson hosted its 3rd annual Rummage Sale July 26th & 27th, where over \$740 was raised to support youth programs. Part of this money was used to sponsor 3 kids to participate in the 2nd annual “Shop with a Cop,” hosted by the St. Croix County Deputies Benevolent Association.

YAH youth hosted a booth at National Night Out on August 7th, dedicated to writing appreciation letters to Hudson officers!



Thank you Xcel Energy Foundation for your grant of \$3,500!

YAH youth assisted with Pepper Fest meatball preparations, sauce making, and set-up! In addition to this, YAH youth handed out trash bags along side “Scrappy” in the Pepper Fest Parade. YAH youth assisted again with the Summer Back Pack program on August 22nd.

September:

Youth Action Hudson youth will assist Hudson Family Fresh as they hand out 200 meals to families in need on September 7th to support Family Meals Month. YAH youth will also attend Grace Place twice during the month of September, where they will prepare and host various activities. YAH will host a booth at the Turning Point Run regarding the Period Project, which provides feminine hygiene products to women and girls in need.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Youth Action Hudson or finding out more information, contact us today:

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Strengthening YAH through Partnerships!

By teaming up with other groups and individuals who are doing valuable work in the Hudson community, we broaden the sense of connection and service among our youth. Here are just a few of the partnerships YAH has throughout the Hudson community!

- *St. Croix County Deputies Benevolent Association*: clothing children for first day of school
- *Family Fresh*: providing healthy recipes and produce to local food banks throughout the St. Croix County
- *Crowning Achievements & Pro-Act*: donating gently used formal dresses, from YAH's All Dressed Up Program, in order to host a pageant for individuals with disabilities
- *St. Croix River Association*: river cleanup for beautification of the Hudson Community watersheds in conjunction with building young environmental stewards
- *Hudson School District*: educating youth (grades 5-8) about relevant social issues, and providing safe Homecoming week events for the community!

Fundraising Breakfast

Thursday, November 8th from 7-8:30am at Bethel Highlands Lutheran Church

Parents, YAH volunteers, Grantors, Sponsors, Community members are welcome to attend! Any changes/ updates will be announced!

Farewell...

Youth Action Hudson recently said farewell to Angela Olson, Nancy Toll, Glenda Moen, and Brian Nadeau, who served as Board Members to our organization. Farewell, to Ed Lucas, who served 18 years as the President, Vice President, and Board Member of the YAH Board of Directors. Thank you all for your dedication, commitment, and on-going support which allows YAH to continue to empower and engage youth to make a difference in the Hudson Community.

Welcome...

Youth Action Hudson welcomed two new board members, Deb Farrell and Linda Wagner. Deb Farrell is the Andersen Experience Visit & Tour Program Assistant for Andersen Windows. Linda Wagner is a 3rd grade teacher for Willow River Elementary!

Congratulations to Traci Hall, who has accepted the position of Vice President of the Board of Directors!

Youth Action Hudson Cash Raffle Winners



1st place: Dan Schlewitz



2nd place: Officer Tim Rieger



3rd place: Jeff Tersteeg

October:

Youth Action Hudson is hosting its first ever Autumn Action 5K, a family fun run/ walk aimed to promote health and wellness in the Hudson Community while raising funds for various Youth Programs. This event will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 10a in Lakefront Park. If you are interested in being a sponsor of our Autumn Action 5K please contact us! Registration for race participants is now open!

November:

Youth Action Hudson is hosting its 11th annual Fundraising Breakfast

which will take place on Thursday November 8th from 7:00-8:30a. This event provides essential funds that support Youth Action Hudson.

YAH youth will also be participating in Fall Peer to Peer on November 19-20th. YAH youth will develop and facilitate presentations on various social topics to all 5th grade students in the Hudson School District.



Our valuable Gold level sponsors:



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