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YAC Awards Grants to Iosco County Youth Programs

Each year high school students from Iosco County participate in Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF) grant making through the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). After spirited debate and discussion during their 2011 grant review, YAC members awarded \$9,029 to seven programs benefiting youth in Iosco County.

Iosco County MSU Extension received \$3,500 through grants to two different programs: the 2011 4-H Shooting Sports Competition and the Iosco County 4-H Exceptional Equestrians program.

Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools received \$2,799 for two programs as well. Funds awarded by the YAC will be used to support the 3rd Annual Appreciation Celebration at the school, and to support the Whittemore-Prescott Food Pantry for low income families.

\$1,500 was awarded to Hale United Methodist Church for the Heaven's Angels project, which teaches violin and other string instrument performance to youth in Iosco County.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) received a \$730 grant to assist with the cost of sending Iosco County youth to the 2011 MDA Summer Camp.

\$500 was awarded to the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District to support the Great Start Early Childhood Fund for students in Iosco County.

Using grant money from the Iosco County Kellogg Youth Fund at the ICCF, students from across Iosco County gather to determine the distribution of funds to programs benefiting young people in their communities.

The YAC determines grants based on available funds and a Youth Needs Assessment, which is a survey identifying the most pressing issues for young people in Iosco County's communities.

Through this program students learn the power of philanthropy, and it empowers them to make a real difference. Since 2000, YAC has awarded over \$128,000 to youth programs in Iosco County.

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