



**Morrison County United Way**

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To Increase the Organized Capacity of People to Care for One Another

## **Youth as Resources**

### **Volunteer Description- Adult Board Member**

**Mission:** To improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of Central Minnesota.

**Overview:** Youth as Resources (YAR) encourages youth leadership and provides youth an opportunity to creatively address community needs. Youth as Resources offers grants up to \$1,000 for youth 5-21 who want to make a difference. There is \$15,000 available annually for youth-led service projects. The youth and adult decision-making board meets monthly to review project proposals, allocate grant dollars, strategize outreach, raise funds, and provide direction for the program.

#### **Volunteer Responsibilities:**

- Serve as a positive role model to youth board members
- Attend monthly board meetings
- Offer your perspective and encourage all youth board members to take part in discussions
- Read materials before the meeting and rate each funding proposal with the checklist provided
- Participate in YAR fundraisers and provide assistance in identifying funding sources
- Promote funding opportunities for youth-initiated, youth-led projects
- Help plan recognition strategies and annual recognition event
- Determine funding priorities

#### **Qualifications:**

- Committed to empowering youth
- Ability to discuss opinions with others and be respectful of other's perspectives
- Willing to promote Youth as Resources to others

**Training:** Training provided by current board members and coordinator

#### **Benefits:**

- Mileage reimbursement provided
- Learn more about community needs and community resources
- Meet great youth in Central Minnesota

#### **Commitment:**

- Board members should attend meetings or let coordinator know in advance if unable to attend
- Generally, board members spend about 6-8 hours per month volunteering with YAR
- Adult board members serve a 2 year term with the possibility of renewing for an additional 2 years

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