



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL YOUTHBOARD



2022 GRANT & IMPACT  
REPORT

# INTRODUCTION

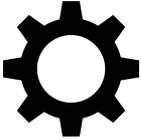
The Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard uses philanthropy and leadership to teach teens how to change the world.

Sixteen students from Montezuma County joined this year's Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard. They collectively spent 960 hours working to improve their community while becoming leaders and activists in the process. The team completed a community needs assessment on the most pressing issues facing youth in Montezuma County, raised awareness of the issues with the community, and fundraised \$1,200 for local nonprofit organizations benefitting Montezuma County youth.



# THE PROGRAM

The Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard is the youth-led philanthropic arm of SCYC. Every year, students conduct a grant cycle.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Youth dive deep to find the most pressing issues facing children and youth in their local community.

## FUNDRAISING

Youth meet with community members to raise awareness about and funding for the biggest issues.

## GRANT MAKING

Youth decide which nonprofits are doing the best at meeting the needs and give away 100% of the funds raised.



## PARTICIPANTS

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# FUNDING PRIORITIES

After many hours of research, the Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard decided to focus on the following funding priorities:

## Mental Health

The YLC YouthBoard saw mental health as a big problem facing our community. We have seen how our suicide rates are so high and have watched our friends struggle with mental health issues. We particularly encouraged organizations that focus on positive and caring adult and peer relationships to apply. We also prioritized organizations and groups that have previously stood up for youth mental health issues in Montezuma County.

## Racial Discrimination

The YLC YouthBoard saw racial discrimination as a big problem facing our community. We have seen a clear separation of our youth based on the color of our skin, whether or not young people acknowledge the existence of this separation. We particularly encouraged organizations that are run by BIPOC organizers and who focus on education and restorative justice to apply.

*“As a leader, the [program] reminds me to stay open minded and appreciative in conversations, discussions, or conflicts.”*

*- 2022 Participant*

# FUNDRAISING

The Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard created a fundraising plan to raise as much money as possible to support their chosen priorities. They met with local business, community, and nonprofit leaders (known as “Impact Partners”) from across Montezuma County to talk about their funding priorities and ask community leaders to invest in their work.



**RAISED: \$1,200**



Thank you to our Impact Partners!

Nicci Crowley  
Lauran Herrick  
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Interested in volunteering?  
Contact [info@youthroots.org](mailto:info@youthroots.org)

# GRANT WINNERS

The following organizations were awarded a grant based on their ability to meet the funding priorities of the Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard:

## Medicine Horse Center - \$600

Medicine Horse Center provides a safe, guided, and inclusive environment in which their clients can acquire tools and confidence to learn about themselves and each other. Funding from the Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard will support their equine-assisted learning programs that help youth increase self-confidence, develop emotional regulation, build trust, improve social skills, improve verbal and non-verbal communication skills, and enhance teamwork.

## Fourth World Farm - \$600

Fourth World Farm works to reindigenize the landscape, cultivate a sense of place, nourish possibilities, and cultivate an emergent ecology between Taw'toykyang and Dibe Ntsaa. Funding from the Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard will support their work to empower indigenous youth in Montezuma County by connecting them to their land.

*“[Because of YLC], I see more value in actively participating in community needs/issues.”*

*- 2022 Participant*

# PARTNERSHIP



The Youth Leadership Council YouthBoard is a joint project between SCYC and YouthRoots, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to unleash the power of youth to change the world. SCYC uses the YouthRoots curriculum to teach Montezuma County teens how to change the world through philanthropy and gain valuable leadership skills. Together, they are cultivating the next generation of Montezuma County leaders and change-makers.

Learn more at:  
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[www.youthroots.org](http://www.youthroots.org)

*“I will be able to use my own skills and those of my team members by trying to tackle issues from a different lens.”*

*- 2022 Participant*