

# YOUTH AS RESOURCES

Youth As Resources (YAR) is committed to supporting programs and initiatives that foster youth development in a community context. The goal of YAR is to support young people in developing competencies through service learning and to provide opportunities that utilize those assets to strengthen the community.

## Project Guidelines

- Projects must be geared toward a community need that benefits residents in communities throughout Riley County, with an emphasis on youth volunteer service to others.
- Youth determine what they want to do as their service project. Youth must prepare the application, present their ideas to the YAR Board and implement the project once it is funded.
- A youth “group” consists of two or more youth members, one youth writing and completing projects is not sufficient. Young people ages 5-18 may apply.
- The time frame depends on the project. Most projects should be completed within three months.
- Funds may be used for the direct operation of the project including materials, transportation, and snacks.
- Unacceptable fund usage includes staff wages, out of town trips/retreats, dinners/banquets, fundraisers/direct donations to other organizations, purchase of capital items such as camcorders/digital cameras or computers.