

?Youth Grant-Making Council get more involved in supporting local charitable organizations

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? The Scott County Youth Grant-Making Council, whose members are 11 students from the community, discussed community service projects at their recent meeting.

The students are concerned about several issues in the community and as a way to help, they have voted to have a drive for a charitable organization each month. Jerel Taylor, an incoming freshman at Scottsburg High School, is the new volunteer coordinator for the project.

Each month, the students will have researched a nonprofit agency in Scott County to determine the needs, and then Council members will bring a donation to the regular meeting.

Donations are being sought for the Scott County Community Clearinghouse for the August meeting. Anyone in the community who would like to contribute to their community service project may drop off donations at the Scott County Community Foundation office, 60 North Main Street, Scottsburg.

The Youth Council will meet Friday, August 22, and would like to receive all donations by that date.

Goals of the Scott County Youth Grant-Making Council are to provide opportunities for leadership development, provide positive peer support, learn about philanthropy and serving the community, form a partnership with other youth and adults and grow the endowment fund for the future. The Youth Council recently awarded almost \$4,500 for youth-related projects in the community.

The Council is also in the process of recruiting members for the 2008-2009 school year. There are currently five seats available, and preference will be given to students in all elementary schools and Austin High School, as there are currently no members representing those schools.

Students must be in fifth grade to be eligible, and home-schooled students are also eligible for membership. Current Council members include Carmen Boley, Brandon Boswell, Evan Comer, Olivia Freeman, Kayla Griffen, Lauren Howser, Caity Rice, outgoing President Ali Richey, Braxton Soloe, Hunter Steinkamp and Jerel Taylor. Interested students may also contact these members for information on the Council. The public relations committee will also host a booth at the Back-to-School Bash on August 4.

For an application, you may contact the Scott County Community Foundation at 752-2057, e-mail staff at info@scottcountyfoundation.org or stop in the office at 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg. A brochure and application may also be downloaded from www.scottcountyfoundation.org/youthcouncil.