Mid-Michigan high school students have a cool, unique opportunity to give back to their community.

There are 86 groups of teen givers all over Michigan who work through community foundations to help young people in need — people they don’t even know — to have access to healthy food, tutoring, arts and cultural opportunities and recreational programs.

The groups are called Youth Action Committees. Since it began in 1992, the Capital Region Community Foundation’s YAC has awarded more than $750,000 in grants right here in mid-Michigan.

About three dozen students, representing more than a dozen high schools in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, participate in YAC each school year. They serve meals in shelters, volunteer at the annual Special Olympics games and work during the school year to make our community better for all kids and teens.

They are also grantmakers, reading dozens of applications and making decisions about how tens of thousands of dollars are distributed. Each year, our YAC awards more than $40,000 to youth-serving nonprofits in mid-Michigan. An additional $5,000 goes to local elementary school classrooms for environmental and anti-bullying projects.

Interested in making a difference? Flip this sheet over to find out how to join!
JOIN US!

Now accepting applications for new YAC members

Are you in high school? Want to be involved in making a difference in mid-Michigan? You’re in the right place. Join dozens of students from schools in the tri-county area and help meet community needs by volunteering and awarding grants to local youth-serving nonprofits.

YAC meets from 6-8 p.m. on the second Monday of every month throughout the academic year (September-May). We also participate in monthly service projects, and we go on a couple of fun trips.

We are particularly looking for new members who are in grades 9-11, representing a variety of high schools in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. If you’d like to be considered for membership, please go online to complete the application. Go to crcfoundation.org and click on the YAC tab. If you have questions, email YAC advisor Ashley Gulker at agulker@crcfoundation.org or call (517) 664-9858.

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