



Sheridan Youth Assistance Program 2019 Year Report

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2019 SYAP Referrals

- In the 2018-2019 school calendar year, 86 new youth were referred to SYAP by the Sheridan Community School District, Hamilton County Juvenile Prosecutor, Department of Child Services, other agencies or self-referred
- Serving 19% of current student enrollment
- 87% of currently served students on Free and Reduced Lunch

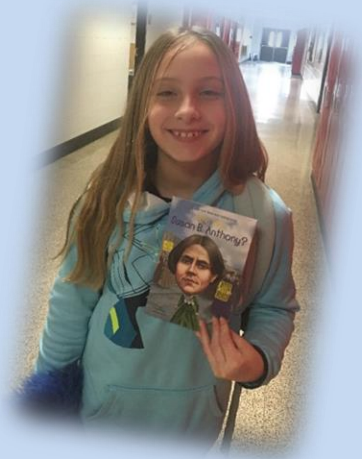
Financial Needs Met

- **\$5,000** was donated by Reynolds Farm Equipment to provide access to pre-kindergarten for 6 students.
- **\$5,000** was received from the Adams Township Trustee's Office that provided transportation to the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club for 16 youth during summer break. Lunches were provided by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and community volunteers.
- A **\$1,000** grant was received from the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs to support the Epicenter, which offers middle school youth an after-school program on Wednesday and Friday hosted at the Crossroad Student Center.
- **\$3,700** was raised by hosting our 4th Student Career Exploration Fair on November 14 at Sheridan High School.
- **\$840** was raised through Shop with Scrip that will support families with Holiday Assistance.
- **\$1,000** donated from the Sheridan Youth Sports to help provide 44 students the opportunity to participate in local athletics.
- **\$28,000** raised at the 3rd annual Denim and Lace Fundraiser.
- **\$700** profit from the annual Spring Flower Sale in May.
- **\$4,500** in donation from various community members, memorial funds, civic organizations, Amazon Smile, Kroger Rewards and businesses.
- **\$3,400** raised for fire victims.
- **\$9,400** grant received for CICF/Crosser Foundation for pilot Summer Youth Employment Program.
- **\$3,900** raised from the 2nd annual Hamilton County Adult Hiring Event.



Mentor and Tutoring Connections

- Matched 13 youth, 7 female and 6 males, with community adult mentors.
- Revolution of Hope matched 30 elementary and middle school age youth with 30 high school mentors.
- Offered free tutoring to middle and high school student every Wednesday, after school and evening, partnering with members from Christ Covenant Church.



Denim and Lace Fundraiser

- Hosted 280 guests at the 3rd annual Denim and Lace Fundraiser hosted at Beck's Hybrids Hanger at Indy Executive Airport.
- State Representative Tony Cook was our guest speaker, Indiana State Police Officer John Perrine was our emcee.
- Live entertainment, silent and live auction items, and raffle prizes.
- Two families shared their story of the impact from SYAP.
- Supported by 31 corporate business and many individuals.



Youth Engagement Highlights

- 8 youth attended to Camp Tecumseh.
- 4 male and 6 female at-risk female youth attend a Camptown trip to Big South Fork Mountains in Tennessee.
- 44 youth were able to participate on sport teams with Sheridan Youth Sports.
- 12 youth were provided funds for band, choir or the arts.
- 12 special needs students attended Agape weekly.
- 15 middle students attended Epicenter.
- 16 students were provided transportation and lunches to attend Boys and Girls Club in Noblesville during each day of summer break.
- 12 special needs students in an overnight camping trip with Camptown to McCormick's Creek State Park.
- 8 students provided Blackhawk Care after school program.
- 6 youth attend Camp Organic at KidPsych summer camp program.
- 6 5th grade students were able to attend annual overnight trip with class.
- 18 students were able to participate on Sheridan Middle or High School athletic teams.
- 2 attended Paw and Think Program partnering with the Humane Society.



Future Workforce

- Hosted the 4th annual Student Career Exploration Fair for 350 students in grades 8-12 from Hamilton Heights, Clinton Central, Tipton, Clinton Prairie and Sheridan and 35 businesses and training centers for skilled trades.
- Created a two-week pilot Summer Youth Employment Program with Crosser Foundation Grant
- Hired 10 youth, 1 supervisor and driver.
- Youth performed job tasks at 8 non-profits, visited 8 businesses to learn about careers, learned employability skills and financial responsibility.
- Hosted 2nd annual adult hiring fair at Ivy Tech Noblesville with 300 job seekers and 75 businesses and training centers represented.



Some of Our Partners

- Ivy Tech Community College Noblesville
- Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank
- Crossroad Student Center
- Merciful Help
- Work One of Hamilton County
- Kid's Coats of Hamilton County
- 26 businesses, agencies or individuals for holiday assistance
- Noblesville Boys and Girls Club
- Good Samaritan Network
- Gleaners Food Bank
- St. Vincent RUAH
- Safe Families
- Godby Home Furnishings
- Thrive Church
- Family Promise of Hamilton County
- R & T Auto and Patton Automotive
- MAMA's cupboard
- Heart Center of Indiana
- Prevail
- Salvation Army
- St. Vincent de Paul Noblesville and Westfield
- Sheridan Police Department
- Sheridan Fire Department
- KidPsych
- Camp Tecumseh
- Chaucie's Place
- Trinity Free Clinic
- Safe Families

What does SYAP mean to you?

“The Youth Assistance Program is a true testament to compassion and reliability. Our family has never lived in a community that has shown such an amazing support system. The YAP made a very devastating situation manageable and actually possible to overcome. Without them we would no longer be living in this town or be able to raise our children in such a great community. We are truly grateful for them.”

-York family

“Sheridan Youth Assistance is important for my family because it gives the reassurance that even though we are financially struggling our children can get the education they still need. It also helps us know that when we need help, we have someone in the community to turn to. It is important for the community because it helps so many families with similar backgrounds as ours.”

-Ogle family

“I love having Sheridan Youth Assistance in my community because they’re always there to lend a helping hand in various ways. They go above and beyond making sure every family, in a time of need, is supported and helped in whatever it is they need.”

-Fonville family

“Sheridan Youth Assistance is an amazing organization. I know for a fact Lisa would go the distance to take care of anyone who needed assistance or a person to talk to. Lisa would do whatever it took to get the job done. Her position is extremely stressful and yet you would never know. I have been in a difficult situation and she said, “let me see what I can do.” Within hours or a few days, the problem was resolved. I personally do not know how she is able to keep everything straight. I consider what she does is a ministry and God put her in this job to take care of our community. I’m honored to know her and blessed with the assistance she has done for my family.”

-Sutton family

“If it wasn’t for the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program, my grandchildren would not have had a Christmas. My wife and I are so grateful for all the assistance we have received. Lisa Samuels and everybody she has working with are so amazing. I hope that once we become more financially stable, we will be able to help other people in need. My wife has had double hip surgery and a lot of our funds have gone to her medical expenses. The youth assistance program has connect our grandchildren with activities and helped us in so many ways.”

-Moore family