

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program 2022 Year Report



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2022 SYAP New Referrals

- * In 2022, 107 new youth were referred for case management services by the Sheridan Community School District, Hamilton County Juvenile Prosecutor, Department of Child Services, other agencies, and in some cases were self-referred.
- * Serving 21% of current Sheridan Community Schools student enrollment.
- * Of the students served by SYAP, 80% of the students are on free or reduced lunch and textbook assistance.

Income generated by SYAP and impacting the youth and their families within the Sheridan Community: \$525,460

- In October, SYAP hosted the annual Denim and Lace Fundraiser at Lindley Farmstead with 260 guests in attendance. The following government and elected-officials attended: U.S. Representative Victoria Spartz; Indiana State Representatives Chuck Goodrich, Donna Schaibley, and Jim Buck; Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt; Hamilton County Council Member Ken Alexander; Hamilton County Judge Stephenie Gookins; Sheridan Town Council Member Si DeVaney; Sheridan Community School Board Members John Perrine, Todd Roberts, and Nancy Boone. (\$24,590)
- In June 2022, SYAP hosted the annual SYAP Golf Fundraiser at Purgatory Golf Course in Noblesville with 76 players participating. (\$12,200)
- Donations from several corporations and Individuals were received throughout the year. (\$25,539)
- SYAP received a grant from Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to financially support the following: Afterschool school tutoring four days per week for 60 students weekly along with transportation home at the end of the day; in a partnership with Sheridan Community Schools, Sheridan High School was able to hire the Sheridan High School Assistant Principal and Sheridan High School Career Coach; provided teacher trainings and professional development; hired additional instructional assistants to support student learning in classrooms; and hired a part-time tutoring coordinator. All funds were designated to support students enrolled at Sheridan Community Schools. (\$388,852)
- Coordinated the community Back to School Bash to provide back to school supplies for 190 students in grades PreK-12. SYAP partnered with Six Points Church, MAMA's Cupboard, and Sheridan United Methodist Church. (\$14,555)

- Coordinated the Sheridan Community Holiday Assistance Program to provide food boxes, food gift cards, and Christmas gifts to 395 individuals with our partners from Good Samaritan Network, MAMA's Cupboard and Sheridan United Methodist Church. (\$12,374)
- Submitted and received a grant from the Arthur Dean Foundation to provide childcare to six students for the school year at our school based provider program and ensured mental health access for eight underinsured students. (\$12,000)
- A grant was received from Boone County REMC to purchase a box trailer for use throughout the year to move school supplies, holiday donations, pick-up and delivery donated furniture, and move toy and clothing donations for the multiple giveaways during the year. (\$5,350)
- To supplement upcoming tutoring needs after the IDOE grant has been exhausted, a grant was received from the Hamilton County Community Foundation. (\$15,000)
- The Crosser Foundation provided a grant to employ 10 high school students and a supervisor for the three week Summer Employment Program. This program provides students opportunities to visit businesses in Hamilton county and the surrounding area and to learn more about careers within various business sectors while also providing labor and services through volunteerism to non-profit organizations. (\$15,000)



Other Financial Supports to the Youth

- Afterschool care for an additional 13 students at SCS school-based program.
- Mental health services to seven additional underinsured students.
- Pre-K scholarships to eight students to assist in preparing them for kindergarten.
- Transported 22 students and provided breakfast and lunch during the eight-week summer break for students attending the Boys and Girls Club in Noblesville.
- Partnered with Hamilton County Parks and Recreation to provide camp opportunities for 11 elementary students.
- Partnered with Camp Tecumseh to attend a week long overnight camp for 8 students.
- Our partners at Camptown hosted three camping activities for our youth to include: 10 high school students camped and hiked for a week in the Big South Fork Mountains in Tennessee; 20 middle school students participated in a weekly after school Wilderness Club event and included weekend hiking trips; 8 middle school special education students camped overnight and hiked at an Indiana State Park.
- Forty middle and high school students were provided assistance to participate in choir, band, FFA, and every athletic program offered at SCS.
- SYAP provided assistance to ensure 115 of our elementary students were able to participate in sports programs and activities sponsored by Sheridan Community Recreation.
- Provided emergency housing to four households.
- Coordinated with SCS to host 4 career fairs for the 22-23 school year for the Sheridan Middle and High School students showcasing career and training opportunities in construction, manufacturing, healthcare, and services.



Mentoring Connections

- Our partnership with Sheridan Community Schools and the IDOE grant, provided the financial opportunity for SYAP to employ a full-time mentor coordinator. As a result, we currently have 16 community mentor-mentee matches with adults and middle school students who meet at least twice per month. In addition, 41 high school students have agreed to become peer mentors and meet at least weekly with their elementary students during the school calendar.



What does SYAP mean to you?

- *I live in Sheridan, Indiana and have five children who have all attended Sheridan schools. I have known about the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program since I moved back to Sheridan as an adult. I used to volunteer to assist in any way possible. Over the years the program has opened my eyes to many opportunities our town has that some do not. I have got to witness and help in many different scenarios. This year my family actually needed assistance. It was a hard pill to swallow due to always volunteering and seeing how many people truly do need this assistance and have no one else to turn to other than this program. I did not want to take from anyone. The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program has helped me evolve as a person and helped my family in so many ways before even accepting the assistance. This program yields as an olive branch, an extended family you can lean on and depend on. When I began receiving assistance this year I was welcomed with open arms, dignity, and respect. It has been the most heartwarming experience on both sides of the fence. This program is a vital part of what makes our little town so special and wholesome. It is the definition of community and what community should stand for. I am forever grateful for the opportunities my children did not have to miss out on due to this program. – Amber*
- *I think it is very important to have SYAP in our community. It has helped out my little family tremendously by letting them have jobs to work at over the summer, to camping trips, helping with Christmas and athletic fees. – Cindy*

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