





Youth Philanthropy in Iowa & The Role of Community Foundations

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& effective grantmaking in Iowa.






Chester E. Dekko
1925-1992

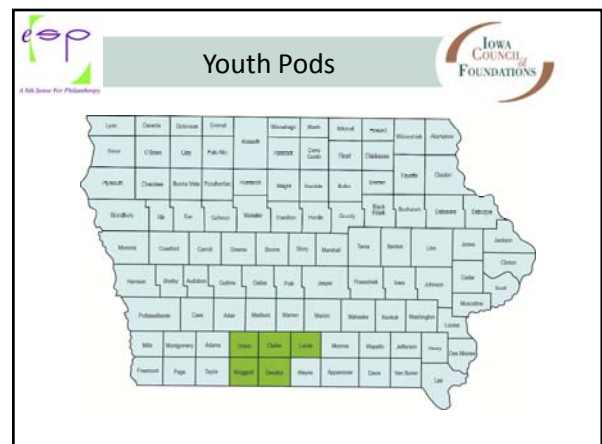
Mr. Dekko's goal for his foundation was to support the development of personal independence for people in the communities where he had an interest.

*To Foster Economic Freedom
Through Education*

1996 First Pod in Iowa:

<p>1994 PULSE-Noble County, IN</p> <p>1995 HANDS-Whitley County, IN KEYS-Kosciusko County, IN</p> <p>1996 LIFE-LaGrange County, IN FIST-Steuben County, IN CCOPS-Clarke County, IA</p> <p>1998 VOICE-Dekalb County, IN ROCCS-Decatur County, IA</p>	<p>1999 YACC-Union County, IA</p> <p>2000 TRAIL-Limestone County, AL HELP-Ringgold County, IA</p> <p>2001 SPLASH-Lucas County, IA</p> <p>2008 Pod Squad-Norman County, MN</p>
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Teen Trust

- Community Foundation of NE IA
- 1994
- Kellogg Grant
- \$10,000 Granted Annually
- Over \$150,000 and 300 students

Teen Trust
"Our Teamwork Makes the Difference."

Idea Spreads

- Teens For Tomorrow
– (Community Foundation of the Great River Bend)
- Youth POWER
– (Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation)
- YAPPERS
– (Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque)



MYPN

- Iowa, Nebraska and Illinois
- Kellogg Foundation
- Midwest Youth Philanthropy Network

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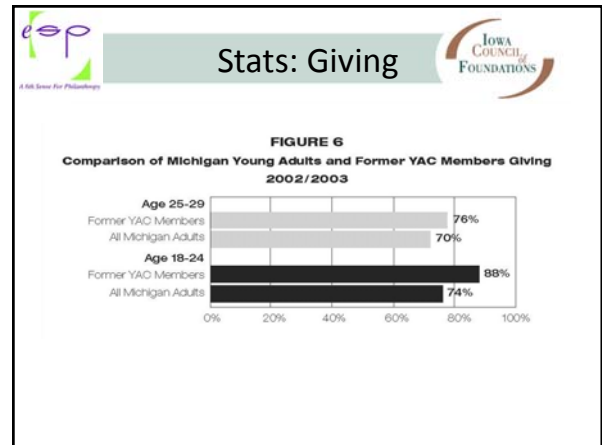
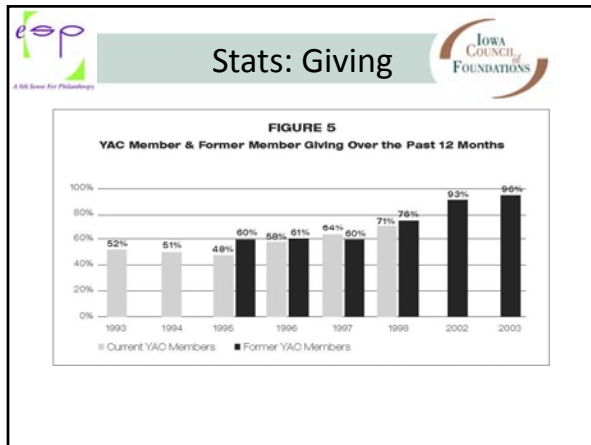
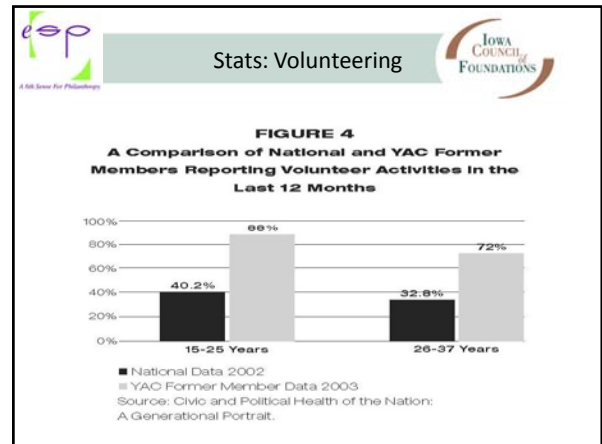
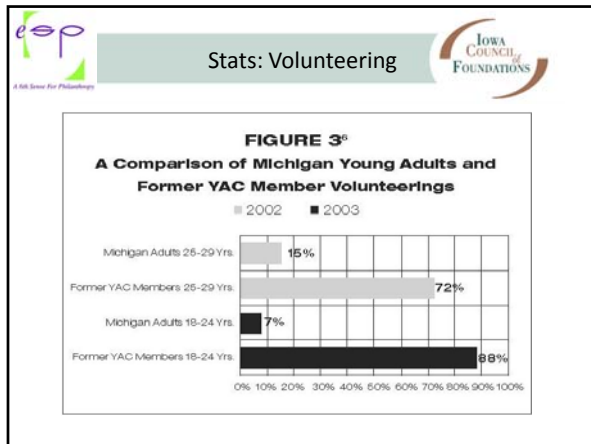


- ### Who is involved?
- The Youth
 - High School Students
 - More than 'typical overachievers'
 - Tomorrow's Leaders
 - The Adults
 - Community Foundation Staff
 - Interns & More
 - Schools
 - Local Nonprofits
 - Community Leaders

- ### Common Elements
- Youth Philanthropy Program Elements
 - High School Students*
 - Youth-Adult Partnerships*
 - Grantmaking*
 - Volunteer Projects
 - Nonprofit Education
 - Community Partnerships

- ### The Numbers
- In Iowa last year...
 - 270 Students engaged
 - \$139,750 granted by students
 - Efforts in 19 counties
 - Efforts this year in 22 counties
 - 30 initiatives estimated by 2015

- ### Engage
- YAB for specific issues
 - Lunch & learn
 - Partner w/existing programs
 - Youth serve as board members
 - Internship
 - Forum
 - Community needs assessment
 - Meeting space
 - Mentoring



Observation of Pods...

- Unified group
- Passion & excitement about the work
- Young people "own" the group...high levels of dedication
- Active participation in meetings and events
- Comments by seniors and alumni


The Empowerment Factor...

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What adult actions and attitudes **foster** youth empowerment in the context of youth philanthropy groups?




AND

What adult actions and attitudes **hinder** youth empowerment in the context of youth philanthropy groups?




Steps to answer these questions....

1. Contracted SEARCH Institute research team
2. Defined key terms for the research project
3. Conducted a literature review
4. Identified 5 categories of indicator statements associated with types of adult roles and actions
5. Created survey using all possible indicator statements
6. Invited specific adults and youth who participate in youth philanthropy groups to complete the on-line survey
7. Compiled and summarized survey results

What we learned...




Adults and youth surveyed agreed that 13 specific skill, attitudes, and behaviors are essential for adults to aid in the empowerment of youth in the context of youth philanthropy groups:

- Adults are able to listen to new ideas with an open mind.
- Adults are able to balance the need to provide structure and information with the importance of stepping back and letting young people take the lead.
- Adults are able to coach in a way that allows young people to be self-directed.
- Adults know when to provide guidance and leadership and when to let go




Growing Youth Empowerment...

- Recruitment of Adults
- Orientation training
- Support materials
- Networking
- Coaching and mentoring
- Alumni return to advise the Pod



Why CFs?

- Unique elements
 - Community Conveners/Connection
 - Emphasis on Endowment
 - Understanding of Community Needs



Why CFs?

- Potential
 - New insights from youth- deeper assessment
 - New audience with parents of youth
 - Future philanthropic efforts/CF connection



The Horizon...what's next?



Communities value young people and actively participate in their development.

Advance
Community
Ownership

Advance Youth
Empowerment

Integrate Financial
Literacy Training




The next step of the Journey






A 6th Sense For Philanthropy




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Moving Forward

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BUILDING BALANCE
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OF GROWING LEADERS

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