

Kids Make Change



The Putnam County Community Foundation partners with those who give to enrich the quality of life and strengthen the community in Putnam County.

PCCF's Youth Philanthropy (YP) Initiative empowers local youth to become community leaders through service, fundraising, and grantmaking. The YP Initiative includes three programs: Youth Philanthropy Committee (high school), the Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest (7th grade), and Kids Make Change (2nd grade).

HOW IT WORKS

The program begins in the classroom, where second graders learn the meaning of a big word: *philanthropy*. Through an interactive 30-minute lesson led by PCCF staff and YP volunteers, students explore how they can share their time, talent, and treasure to help people in their community.

Then, schools may choose to complete a service project or volunteer together. Students are challenged to put those concepts into action through two exciting competitions to earn grant funds for their school: an art contest and a coin drive.

PHILANTHROPY CHALLENGES

Participating schools may choose to compete in an annual coin drive to raise money for a project or cause chosen by students. The school that raises the most money, earns an additional \$1,000 grant for their project. Additionally, students may choose to participate in an annual art contest, the winner of which will earn a \$500 grant for their school.

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

PCCF proudly provides supplemental lesson plans and resources to keep the conversation going throughout the school year. These free resources are designed to align with Indiana academic standards and support the curriculum teachers are already using in their classrooms.

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TIMELINE

- **August:** PCCF invitations sent to Putnam County elementary schools
- **September:** Program scheduling for academic year determined for each school
- **October-November:** Philanthropy Lesson # 1 at each school; schools complete service projects
- **February:** Philanthropy Lesson # 2 at each school
- **March-April:** Coin drive and art contest
- **May:** Results announced

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sarah Stone at ssstone@pcfoundation.org or (765) 653-4978 to learn more or get involved.