

Youth Programs



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

We seek to empower even the youngest members of our community by:

- Promoting youth leadership, development and philanthropic experiences.
- Encouraging community initiatives that address concerns of our youth.
- Investing in high quality education and educational attainment opportunities for students.



YOUTH PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE

The Putnam County Youth Philanthropy Initiative includes three key programs for K-12 students: Kids Make Change, the Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest, and the Youth Philanthropy Committee.

2nd Grade: Kids Make Change

Through Kids Make Change, students learn how to pronounce the word "philanthropy", how to define it, and how they can be a philanthropist in their school and in their community. Students experience in-school lessons and compete in a coin drive and art contest each spring.





7th Grade: Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest

Students are tasked with writing a short essay about the philanthropist they know personally and admire the most. Students with winning essays can earn money for their school and designate small grants to local nonprofits in honor of their chosen philanthropist. Awards are made each November.



8th-11th Grade: Youth Philanthropy Committee

Youth Philanthropy Committee members support community needs, evaluate local projects and programs, and make real funding decisions that support positive change in our community.

Membership is open to high school students who reside in or attend school in Putnam County.

Applications are available for 8th-11th grade students in February each year.



SCHOLARSHIPS

PCCF administers more than 40 scholarship funds, each established by a generous donor with a unique purpose. Scholarships are available for college, trade school and other post-secondary studies. Applications open November 1 and are due in mid-January each year.



Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship applications are available August 1 and are due in early September each year.