



INVEST IN YOUTH • INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

— Winston S. Churchill

We all know, on a small scale at least, how good it feels to help others—maybe over the years we've helped friends, neighbors and family members in need. However, when it comes to growing a sustainable community consciousness, it's important to instill a widened sense of community in the hearts of all its individuals, and this includes our children and teens.

Through the Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY), the Placer Community Foundation has found a way to encourage youth to garner a close connection with their community. The program puts area youth in the decision-maker's seat, allowing them to review grant applications and award grant monies to programs they deem most important for their community. Earlier this year, GABY members awarded a \$2,500 grant that funded a six-week summer camp for underprivileged children and another to help local high school students prepare and serve a Mother's Day Brunch to deserving children and their mothers. The Board service positions allow our young people to directly inspire and fund youth-led programs and activities like these throughout our community.

When young people are allowed to pinpoint larger scale community need and put meaningful programs into action, it can profoundly change them and help them develop and embolden their ideas for the future. By helping our youngest citizens to put stake in their community, determine its needs and organize to create change, they will always know, deep down, the importance of community support and action no matter where they travel, no matter where they choose to live.

The Placer Community Foundation coordinates the GABY program for Placer County, but help is needed to sustain this community-based program and make it thrive.


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THE GRANTS ADVISORY BOARD FOR YOUTH (GABY) FOR PLACER COUNTY

The Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY) program provides a way for Placer County youth, between the ages of 12 and 19, to get hands-on experience with community leadership by providing funding and assistance to youth-led projects that utilize local resources to address critical community challenges. GABY members receive training in areas such as grant making, philanthropy, meeting facilitation, and group decision-making. This program also equips youth members with real skills, productive attitudes, valuable knowledge, and extraordinary opportunities that can prepare them for a future as leaders in their community.

GABY originally started as a project of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation in 2002, and has expanded to Placer County through a collaborative effort with the Placer Community Foundation. Additional funding partners include Sierra Health Foundation and Placer County but support from local donors is now needed to continue this work.

These teens are the future stewards of our communities near and far. The GABY program brings youth in touch with the realities of hardship and need and plant the seeds for compassionate and respectful interactions necessary to build community. GABY provides a very special opportunity to our future citizens and leaders, and we hope you can be a part.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contact the Placer Community Foundation to learn how you can help continue the work of the Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY) program.

We've told you about the special opportunities and rewards of the GABY program. Now imagine you, your family or your business positioned at the core of such a program. Today, you can put this youth-run program into action in our community by contributing to the Placer County GABY program.

Please make a gift today — and spread the word about the GABY program to Placer County parents, schools, businesses and organizations. The foundation of our work rests on the donations of kind individuals like you. You may make a donation right now at www.placercf.org.

By investing in our community's future, GABY provides a very special gift from which the entire community reaps the rewards. Thank you for your support.

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