

KENTUCKY YMCA  
YOUTH ASSOCIATION



# 2022 - 2023 IMPACT REPORT



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# LETTER FROM THE CEO

To our dearest friends and champions,

The 2022-2023 program year was a year of regrowth and rejuvenation for Kentucky YMCA Youth Association programming. We settled into our newest normal in a post-pandemic world, which was only made possible by the dedication and support of our staff, board, advisors, officers, and volunteers. In partnership with our community, we were able to provide robust programming for students from across the Commonwealth. We are happy to share some highlights below:

- Student Y - Staff this year focused on new opportunities for student connection in an effort to close cultural gaps in understanding and enhance formative relationships for students from across the Commonwealth
- Kentucky Youth Assembly - Program attendance grew by 56% this year, allowing more students to participate in a space where they can build skills like critical thinking and public speaking, while also broadening their worldview.
- Character Development Programs (GFI/LTC) - Our leadership programs elevated belonging by providing safe spaces for complex conversations, relationship building, and goal setting.
- Young Kentuckian Advocacy Program - Students worked together to create action plans based on needs presented in their local community, specifically with the aim to drive impact in the focus area they were most passionate about.
- Y-Corps - We were thrilled to bring back our original out of state experience, Service to the South. This service opportunity allows students to activate change in their local communities, state, and the southern part of the country.

In addition to our programming, we had an outstanding turnout for our Annual Campaign in 2022, raising over \$300,000 to support our continued work with teens throughout the Commonwealth through needs-based scholarships and general support.

We are continually grateful for your ongoing commitment to our organization and the students we support. Our work would not be possible without partners like you. We look forward to another year together!

Yours in service,  
Amanda Pile Chism

# KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

## KYA - BY THE NUMBERS

Need-Based Scholarships: \$79,232

Middle School Participants: 1,796

High School Participants: 2,840

Advisor Participants: 537

Volunteers: 14



## KYA - Events Summary

The KYA 2022 season brought back some of our favorite traditions, including debate at the Capitol, lunch breaks at Claudia Sanders Dinner House, and more student leadership than ever!

We hosted 7 conferences with 4,500+ participants, including 198 students in leadership positions. Students this year were able to build friendships while dancing at the silent disco, practice civil discourse while participating in conference programs, learn critical thinking skills through conference preparations & expanded their social network through interactions with teens across the Commonwealth.



## KYA - PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Bills: 395

Presiding Officers: 56

Supporting Officers: 142

Specialized Programs: Lobbyist,  
Supreme Court, Media Corps

# KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

## KUNA- BY THE NUMBERS

Need-Based Scholarships: \$60,933

Middle School Participants: 1,323

High School Participants: 1,976

Advisor Participants: 206

Volunteers: 11



## KUNA - Events Summary

The KUNA 2023 season continued to be our students' favorite trip around the world! We hosted 6 conferences with 3,200+ participants, including 189 students in leadership positions. KUNA students expanded their world view, gained empathy from connecting and learning about a variety of countries, built lasting friendships, and did it all in a safe, fun to learn environment! They were able to have meaningful conversations around global affairs, and practice professional skills like public speaking, conflict management, and professionalism.



## KUNA - PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Resolutions: 241

Presiding Officers: 32

Supporting Officers: 157

Specialized Programs: Secretariat and NGO, Security Council, International Court of Justice, Media Corps

# Y-CORPS



**\$17,215**

raised by  
Y-Corps students

**1,582**

scholarships funded  
by Y-Corps student  
fundraising

**3,466**

hours of service  
completed throughout  
the year

**40**

communities  
served by  
Y-Corps teams

For 25 years, Y-students have been placed at the intersection of community, culture and need that make up our Commonwealth and country through the Y-Corps program. This movement has transformed the lives of thousands of Kentucky teens and hundreds of communities, and it continues to demonstrate our program motto that, "work is love made visible."



# CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Leadership Training Conference

Attendees: 154

Volunteers: 26

Location: Lindsey Wilson College

Impact: Students spent the weekend learning how to be effective community participants & gaining critical leadership skills to take back to their home communities with them.



# \$3,642

Need-based scholarships  
awarded to LTC & GFI attendees

## Go For It Conference

Attendees: 149

Volunteers: 21

Location: Camp Loucon

Impact: Students had a unforgettable weekend learning how they can identify both their passions & personal skills, then utilize them to set goals for a future of self-defined success.



# STUDENT Y



**4,281**

Student Y members

**8,070**

service hours  
completed

**15**

voter registration  
drives

**360**

people registered  
to vote

Student Y is a student-led program for middle and high school students (grades 6-12) interested in making an impact in local and global communities. Student Y is a way for your school or community organization to engage in meaningful service learning projects throughout the school year, and develop into compassionate community leaders. Student Y promotes youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living through:

Civic Engagement • Servant Leadership • Character Development





# 2022 - 2023 Financial Report

**Total Revenue -  
\$2,931,677**

- Program Revenue - \$2,360,922  
 Contributed Revenue - \$497,909
- Individual Donors - \$305,403
  - Grants, Foundations & Corporate Partnerships - \$169,954

**Total Expenses -  
\$2,822,780**

- Indirect Program Expenses - \$988,266  
 Direct Program Expenses - \$1,808,636

## Board of Directors - Officers

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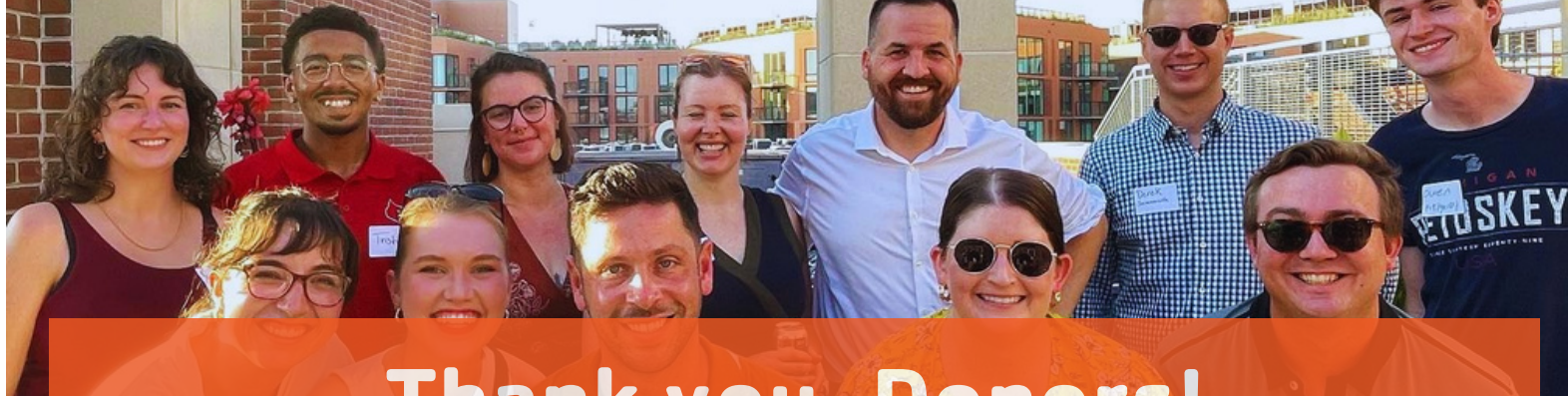
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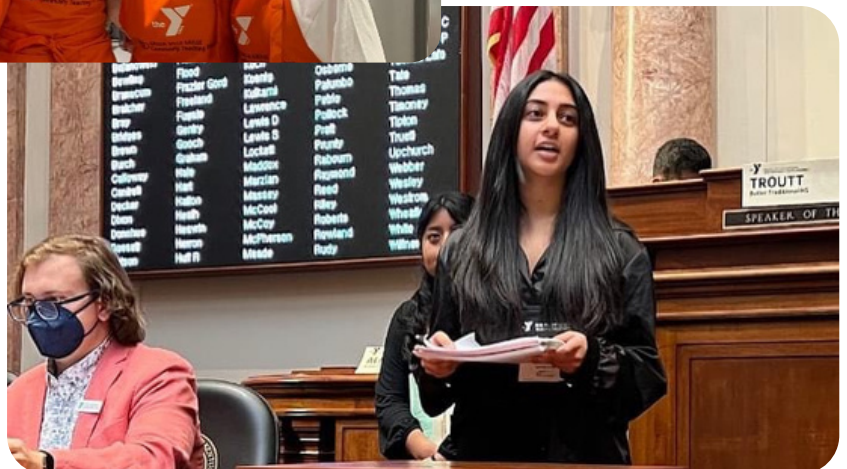
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The Kentucky YMCA Youth Association is an antiracist, multicultural organization. We enthusiastically welcome persons of every ability, age, background, ethnicity, faith/religion, gender expression/gender identity, income, nationality, race, sex, or sexual orientation. The Kentucky YMCA Youth Association believes that in a beautifully diverse world, we are stronger when we are inclusive and when everyone has an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

## Kentucky YMCA Mission Statement

The mission of the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association is to develop engaged citizens and servant leaders, inspired to affect change in their school, community, Commonwealth, nation, and world. Through experiential learning, service, and community activism, the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association fosters critical thinking, leadership, and social responsibility in teens.