

## **Current Michigan Initiatives that Support Our State Application**

- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** - The Mott Foundation has also played a major role in promoting efforts which service youth or provide youth with service opportunities. The Foundation has encouraged the development of community foundations, philanthropic membership opportunities and worked to strengthen the nonprofit sector. In addition, the Foundation has supported the development of programs aimed at at-risk youth, community education and intergenerational and mentoring programs.
- **Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Youth Programs** - 4-H is the premier youth development agency in the state, providing both training and youth development to young people themselves and adults who work with young people. Both Peerplus and Youth Experiencing Action work to develop leadership and a lifelong commitment to community service among young people. Approximately 80,000 young people are affected by this extensive network of youth programming across the state.
- **Council of Michigan Foundations, Michigan Community Foundation Youth and Technical Assistance Project** - Council of Michigan Foundations in service to its community foundations has received a \$35 million commitment from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and a companion grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in order to: establish permanent and growing funds within each community foundation to meet urgent local youth needs across the state; expose people to an experience in philanthropy and volunteerism at an early age; and to build and expand the network of community foundations attempting to cover the state in order to assure that every donor has access to a foundation vehicle.
- **Governor George Romney** - Governor Romney has been committed to the concepts of volunteerism and community service throughout his life and has been recognized as a leader in these areas at the national level. Governor Romney was founder of the National Volunteer Center, and currently sits of the Board of Directors of the Points of Light Foundation and is a member of the National and Community Service Commission.
- **Michigan Campus Compact** - The Compact is an action-oriented coalition of colleges and universities whose mission is to create voluntary community service opportunities for their students. The Compact promotes "education for citizenship" by encouraging service and internship experiences that develop students' sense of civic responsibility. Michigan is one of three states which house a state Compact in the nation. Current member institutions include: Adrian College, Albion College, Alma College, Andrews College, Calvin College, Grand Valley State University, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Lake Superior State University, Lansing Community College, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland Community College, University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University.
- **Michigan Community Service Commission** - Created in October of 1991 by executive order this Commission is one of only a few lead agencies created specifically to access money from the National and Community Service Act (NCSA). It has been charged with: developing a coordinated, unified state plan in response to the NCSA; establishing policies and procedures for the use of these Federal funds; and develop initiatives to promote community service in coordination with existing programs.
- **Michigan Into the Streets** - In 1991 Campus Outreach Opportunity League, a student run organization, received a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to develop a national program which would bring college students "into the streets" on a single day (November 1) to introduce them to the concept of community service with the intent of encouraging more college



students to become involved on a long term basis in their community. Michigan was designated the model state for the program. In 1991 nine Michigan schools (out of 115 nationwide) participated, bring almost 2000 students across the state into their communities. Schools across the state are already starting to gear up for Into the Streets 1992.

- **Michigan Nonprofit Forum** - Created in 1988 the Forum represents an alliance of organizations to promote giving, volunteering and a strong, effective nonprofit sector. MNF works through organizations and networks to 1) pool information as tools for action; 2) convene leaders for joint planning and collaboration; 3) conduct jointly sponsored workshops on sector-wide issues (such as effective management, collaborative planning, partnerships with funders, strengthening volunteering); 4) improve public understanding and commitment to volunteerism, philanthropy and the nonprofit sector as central to effective communities and 5) expand the knowledge base about the sector. Through its Coordinating Committee on Volunteerism the MNF has designed a Michigan Campaign for Volunteerism, which will be kicked off in April of 1992 at the beginning of Michigan's Year of the Volunteer. With corporate and civic leadership, the Campaign will in part publicize and promote the work of young people serving communities, and encourage community recognition of young people as resources for community betterment.
- **Michigan Partnerships for Education** - The Michigan Department of Education has provide leadership for the improvement of Michigan's workforce and the strengthening of the state's economy through the promotion and development of Partnerships for Education in over 200 communities in the state. Partnerships are formal voluntary relationships between schools and their communities (businesses, industry, labor, hospitals, civic organizations, government, professional, etc...) for the purpose of improving educational system. Partners match available resources, primarily human resources with identified needs to meet mutually agreed on goals and objectives. All partners should benefit, not just the schools. Through Partnerships communities have been brought into the schools. Partnerships have also recognized the importance of students going into the community and are developing this component in their thinking at this time.
- **National Youth Leadership Council, National Service Learning Initiative, Michigan Regional Center** - Service-learning , an educational methodology that involves young people in community service experiences while enhancing academic learning personal growth, and social development has begun to emerge as a key element of national school improvement efforts. Through a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), has received "seed money" for the initial development of a Michigan state-wide center for K-12 service-learning. Organizing efforts are under way to bring together educators interested in enhancing the potential of service-learning resources state-wide. NYLC's work in Michigan is linked to the larger NYLC service learning initiative funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to provide teacher training, curriculum development and the selection and support of schools that model exemplary service-learning programs nationwide.
- **United Way of Michigan** - United Way is one of the oldest community agencies in the state of Michigan and has provided needed community resources based on agency and community needs. In recognizing community needs United Way has recognized the importance of working with young people in local communities to meet those needs. A number of youth initiatives have been developed with local United Ways in the state to provide young people with structures and opportunities in community service and plays host to Youth United Way in Kalamazoo a national model.
- **Volunteer Centers in Michigan** - The thirteen Volunteer Centers of Michigan have formed a statewide network to strengthen existing volunteer centers, to provide leadership in the

development of new volunteer centers and to promote and strengthen volunteerism statewide. Volunteer Centers have provided one form of infrastructure for community service in the state of Michigan and have recognized the importance of youth volunteers and youth community service. A number of Volunteer Centers have developed programs specifically to work with young people in their communities providing them with training, orientation and service opportunities. Others work in close partnerships with K-12 educational institutions to develop service opportunities for young people.

- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** - The Foundation has played a significant role in helping Michigan build a voluntary and philanthropic system unmatched anywhere. There has been a longstanding recognition by the Foundation that good citizenship requires voluntary community service. In the 1980's the Foundation developed three distinct strategies. They are: community projects to encourage philanthropy and volunteerism in Michigan; educational programs in colleges and universities; and state, regional or national efforts to increase understanding of the roles played by volunteerism and philanthropy. Many of the efforts funded under these strategies have been aimed at young people.
- **Youth Engaged in Service Ambassadors, Points of Light Foundation** - A division of the Points of Light Foundation, Youth Engaged in Service (YES) seeks to challenge every young person, age 5 to 25, to engage in service aimed at meeting important social needs, and to stimulate the creation of opportunities and support necessary to make that service meaningful. Helping to achieve these objectives are a group of young people who are serving as YES ambassadors in communities around the nation. YES ambassadors are working to build support among a variety of institutions and organizations at the state level and to encourage the development of youth service opportunities at the local level. Michigan has been chosen as one of the first four sites for the YES ambassador program.
- **Youth Service in Michigan** - In the summer of 1991, Youth Service America in conjunction with the Michigan Campus Compact, the Council of Michigan Foundation, the Michigan Nonprofit Forum and the Michigan State Board of Education held a series of conferences and meetings bringing together individuals from across the state of Michigan representing K-12 education, higher education, full time service and conservation corps, corporations, community based organizations, state officials and young people. These meetings helped to crystallize interest in youth service in the state, identified important planning issues, and engaged program operators, advocates and youth participants in the development of youth service policy. These meetings and the interest/networks created provided the impetus for the formation of the Michigan Community Service Commission and have had a major impact on the subsequent development of youth service policy in Michigan.

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