



Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program

2017-2018 Annual Report

What is the Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program?

The Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program awards grants of up to \$1000 each to young people to fund their environmental sustainability projects in Carmel, Indiana. This grant program is unique in that it is administered by a volunteer board comprised primarily of middle and high school students who inspire and mentor youth, ages 19 and under, to identify environmental needs within our community and to design, fund, implement, and evaluate appropriate projects to address those needs. Projects funded through our program must be youth-led and serve to reduce pollution, conserve natural resources, save energy, or reintroduce native species or habitats in Carmel, Indiana. This program is financially sponsored by Carmel Utilities and administered by Legacy Fund, the community foundation for Hamilton County, and a CICF affiliate. Since inception in 2009, **fifty-seven** youth-led environmental projects have received funding, engaging over 1200 young people and saving Carmel citizens an estimated \$120,000 and over 250 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually.

Youth-led Projects Funded in 2018 by the Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program:



Helping Ninjas Help Pollinators \$1000 - Helping Ninjas students from College Wood Elementary School came together on Memorial Day Weekend, spending the holiday removing non-native invasive plants in three large areas of Founders Park in Carmel. Once cleared, the soil in these areas was improved and planted with plants native to Indiana which encourage butterflies, bee, and other pollinators to live and thrive. Native pollinators are vital for pollinating Indiana agricultural crops such as alfalfa, melons, cranberries, blueberries, soybeans, and sunflowers.

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Helping Ninjas Help Garden and Compost \$780 - The College Wood Elementary School Helping Ninjas wanted to learn and teach about local organic gardening and composting. They planted organic vegetables in a community plot at the CCS Plots to Plates Community Gardens and donated over 75 pounds of local, organic vegetables to Second Helpings and their school cafeteria. The students also worked with the school cafeteria manager to start composting cafeteria scraps. Students also educated their classmates on ways to go green using the school's bulletin boards.



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Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program 2017-2018 Board Members:

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Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program Funding and Participant Data

Grant Period	# Grants Awarded	Funds Distributed	Youth Participants	Total Beneficiaries
2017-2018	3	\$2480.00	48	2000
2009-2017	54	\$30,875.75	1170	107,025
Total	57	\$33,355.75	1218	109,025

For more details about The Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program visit carmelgreenteen.org
To create a Green Teen Micro-Grant Program in your community visit yourgreenteen.weebly.com

In the news this year: Helping Ninjas Help Beautify Founders Park. Promote Community Garden
<http://youarecurrent.com/2018/05/10/helping-ninjas-to-beautify-founders-park-promote-community-garden/>