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In 1999, Shelia Chandrasekhara started the Youth Foundation Fund out of a personal interest to help others by providing support for programs benefiting youth on the Lower Eastern Shore. Additionally, her goal was to engage youth in philanthropy and to establish a program that would truly be an effort “by youth, for youth.”

“I wanted to make a difference by addressing youth needs, bringing awareness to youth, and encouraging them to participate in this worthy cause. Although we are kids, we can actively take roles in helping others and can make a difference toward the betterment of our community.”

-Sheila Chandrasekhara

“The future belongs to those who believe in the power of their dreams.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

WHAT IS THE YOUTH FOUNDATION FUND?

The mission of the Youth Foundation Fund is to help children in the Maryland counties of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester by creating awareness and understanding of philanthropy and by establishing and supporting organizations that promote youth betterment. This fund was started to address the growing problems that children are facing every day.



Youth Foundation members pitch in with Habitat for Humanity



Youth Foundation members with Art Cooley, Community Foundation Board Chairman



Youth Foundation members present a grant check to the Fruitland Community Center



Lending a hand to help those in need; Youth Foundation members provide food and toiletries to Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke.

HOW DOES THE YOUTH FOUNDATION FUND WORK?

The Youth Foundation Fund Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives from each high school, public and private, in the tri-county area, a member of the Community Foundation, and a presiding chairperson. This committee plans and implements fundraising and grant making activities by:

- Conducting annual fundraising activities
- Reviewing grant request and recommending approval
- Becoming aware of community needs
- Participating in local service projects

The Youth Foundation Fund is a component fund of The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. CFES is a local, independent non-profit foundation dedicated for all time to strengthening the communities of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.