If you had $30,000, who would you give it to?

Apply to the The Young Philanthropists! Be a part of a unique teen leadership program that provides business knowledge and real experience granting money to local nonprofits.

Applications are currently being accepted.
All high school juniors who reside in the City of Buffalo are eligible.

Application deadline: Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Questions? Contact Kimberly Slew-Ngarambe at KimSN@cfgb.org or (716) 852-2857 ext. 231
What is the Young Philanthropists Program?
The Young Philanthropists Program (TYP), which is part of the Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative (CGLI) was developed in 2016. The Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative (CGLI) launched The Young Philanthropists (TYPs) for high school students. TYPs participate in a program designed to spark their curiosity about grantmaking, community impact and philanthropy. After hearing from community leaders and philanthropists in the community, TYPs have the opportunity to award two $1,500 grants to worthwhile community organizations. This teen leadership program provides hands-on experience working with the three pillars of philanthropy. TYPs learn the ins and outs of investing for nonprofit purposes, make site visits, then grant money to qualified organizations they have selected.

Who is eligible to participate?
All high school juniors who reside in the city of Buffalo, and who attend Buffalo Public Schools, are eligible to apply. Students who are accepted into the program make a commitment to participate for one year to the program.

When does the program meet?
TYP will meet twice a month; on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in February and ending in June. Meetings are held from 4 – 5:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom. Site visits to organizations within the city of Buffalo community will also be conducted virtually.

How much money is given away?
Each year, $3,000 is available for The Young Philanthropists to be distributed to charitable organizations serving the city of Buffalo community, based upon recommendations made by The Young Philanthropists. Grant awards are presented to selected nonprofit organizations at a Capstone event held in June.

Who leads the program?
Adult mentors guide the participants of TYP. These volunteer mentors have been chosen to work with the program based on their own philanthropy, fundraising, and volunteer activities. All mentors are residents of Western New York and have served on either local nonprofit organization boards or advisory/fundraising groups for many years.

What will I gain by participating?
You will be making a difference in your community through this rare opportunity to impact others through local non-profit efforts. You will also gain knowledge about the business of philanthropy with a perspective more developed than many of your peers. You will be uniquely prepared as a philanthropic leader. Additionally, college admissions officers have shown great interest in this type of community service-learning project.

How do I apply?
Applications available at the CGLI website: www.thecgli.org

What is the application deadline?
Completed applications are due no later than Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5 p.m.