



The City of Rochester &
The Monroe County Youth Council



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Make a
difference
in your
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Step up, be heard, take action

YOUTH VOICE ONE VISION

Recreation's Youth Council Makes a Difference Every Day!

Our mission is to make Rochester a better place to live.

And as a YVOV member, you'll plan service projects, make decisions collectively, and find solutions to many wide ranging issues that effect your community. We work in collaboration with other youth across the county and local officials to develop ideas and programs to improve our community.

We meet the **last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm**. Locations alternate across the Rochester area. Youth, adults, groups and other community organizations are all welcome. At these meetings, you will experience being a member of a powerful young team.



Y.E.S. is about YOU and YOUR ideas for service learning based projects.

Y.E.S. stands for Youth Engaged with Service.

The Y.E.S. Committee is a youth-led service learning collaboration between Youth Voice, One Vision, Youth As Resources and the Nazareth College Center for Service Learning. Y.E.S. brings youth, adults, and

community agencies together to collaborate on service learning projects in our communities.

The committee meets bi-weekly, plans 2-3 city-wide service learning projects, and provides youth-led Service Learning workshops in order to promote and practice the tenets of quality, youth driven service learning throughout Monroe County. Past service projects include the *MLK Skate to Commemorate*, the *"From Roc to Riverton" Global Youth Service Day*, and the *Cardboard City Lock-Out*.



Girls Coalition

The Girls Coalition brings together *"positive girls doing positive things"* from South Ave, Campbell St., Gantt (North St.),

Ryan, Avenue D, Edgerton, and Flint St. Community Centers. The girls meet with trained professional staff on a weekly basis at their center and then come together as a city-wide *Girls Coalition* once a month to empower and provide resources to female youth leaders. The coalition is a partnership between Recreation and Nazareth College Center for Service Learning.

Positive Tickets

In 2008, Youth Voice, One Vision launched Positive Ticket youth and adult patrols to catch people doing something good! Positive Ticket recipients receive fun, family-oriented giveaways and are honored at the annual awards ceremony. To find out more information, check out cityofrochester.gov/truthaboutcityyouth/

Special Events

Youth Voice, One Vision and member youth councils sponsor city-wide special events for youth and families. These include dances, dinners, conferences, fashion shows, read-a-thons, award recognitions, and lock-ins that provide fun and positive ways to meet urban and suburban youth. YVOV members also act as ambassadors at national



conferences, participate as “youth experts” on local panels, and frequently attend forums and events sponsored by partner agencies.

The **Steppin’ Up To Solutions** Conference was established and facilitated by YVOV. This conference is an opportunity for youth to attend interactive workshops and create youth-led projects to address issues or concerns in our city and towns. At the all-day summit, youth identify issues of concern and collectively develop real and practical solutions. To date, we have sponsored and participated in over a dozen conferences.

Youth Philanthropy

YVOV has teamed up with the **Youth as Resources (YAR)** Board, coordinated by the Rochester Monroe County Youth Bureau, to support the philanthropic efforts of the *Steppin’ Up To Solutions* Conference. YAR provides technical and financial support to the youth-led solutions and projects created at the conference. The board annually distributes \$20,000 for community service projects.



awards



2011: Genesee Valley
Recreation & Parks Society
Special Events Award
(*Cardboard City*)

2008-2009: Nazareth
College Center for
Service Learning
Community Partner
Service-Learning Cham-
pion Award

2008: New York
State Recreation
& Parks Society
Special Events Award
(*All City Fashion Show*)

2007: Genesee Valley Recreation
& Parks Society
Special Events Award
(*All City Fashion Show*)

2006: National Youth Crime Watch
Prevention Community Program
(*Community Program Site of the Year*)

2006: Genesee Valley Recreation
& Parks Society
Special Events Award
(*All Star Challenge*)

2005: Alliance for Community Media
First Place for Educational Profile
Non-Professional (Talk Show)

2005: Genesee Valley Recreation
& Parks Society
Special Events Award
(*Gardiner Mural Painting*)

join today!

Name

Organization or Youth Group

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone/Cell Phone

Email Address

Describe what type of work you or your group is interested in.

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