

## Promoting Youth Philanthropy

*Giving Organization for Iowa Teens* is part of a nationwide movement empowering local teens to lead and support change through philanthropy. An offshoot of the DeWitt Area Community Foundation and the River Bluff Community Foundation, G.O.4.I.T. is comprised of 9th-12th grade students recruited from all the high schools in Clinton County.

G.O.4.I.T. meets once a month from September to May to identify community need and address emerging issues.

They distribute annual grants to local non-profit organizations after evaluating grant requests from various agencies.



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# G.O.4.I.T.

*Giving Organization  
for Iowa Teens*

Teens changing the world  
today for a better tomorrow.



**Creating a lasting effect on  
the community by  
volunteering and granting  
money to local non-profit  
organizations.**

During the nine-month program, students learn about the role non-profit organizations play in our community, meet local business leaders, participate in volunteer activities, and participate in fundraising activities. Teens also reap personal rewards including: developing leadership and networking skills, learning to help others, and feeling a sense of accomplishment.

*Giving Organization for Iowa Teens* is led by a student director and is the only group in Clinton County that allows high school students to grant money to non-profit organizations.

Anyone can be a philanthropist, even you. Let *Giving Organization for Iowa Teens* show you how making a local difference can be easy, fun, and, most of all, rewarding.

## Why youth philanthropy?

Youth philanthropy programs, like G.O.4.I.T. provide opportunities for young people to develop the skills and the knowledge they need to become better students and informed citizens. Philanthropy programs also enable young people to play active roles in their communities in the future.

## What young people can learn

- ◆ Skills in grantmaking
- ◆ Skills in working in the community
- ◆ Skills in communication and working with others
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Sensitivity to people who have different experiences
- ◆ Increased confidence
- ◆ How to give back and contribute
- ◆ Innovative ways to raise money

For more information on G.O.4.I.T. call 563-349-1518 or email [abaxterm@gmail.com](mailto:abaxterm@gmail.com)

Youth philanthropy programs similar to G.O.4.I.T. have come together to form the Midwest Youth Philanthropy Network (MYPN). These programs are located in Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska.

**For more information on the MYPN, visit [www.midwestyouthphilanthropy.org](http://www.midwestyouthphilanthropy.org)**



## Phi-lan-thro-pist:

N. a person who cares for humanity and hopes to make the world a better place.