Tri-Cities area high school students have a cool, unique opportunity to be part of their community: the Youth Advisory Council, or YAC. Started in 1990 with a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation’s YAC has awarded more than $1.3 million to programs and projects benefitting youth right here in Northwest Ottawa County!

20 students from the Tri-Cities participate in YAC each school year. They learn about the issues and needs facing their peers and seek solutions to improve their community. They are also grantmakers, reviewing grant applications from community organizations with programs and projects benefitting young people. Each year, our YAC awards grants to nonprofits, schools, churches, and units of government for programs impacting youth.

Youth Empowerment: Youth as change agents gain skills to impact the lives of other individuals, organizations, and communities.

Interested in joining the YAC and making a difference? The application is available at ghacf.org. Due date is April 17. Interviews on April 30 and May 6.

Visit www.ghacf.org to learn more or email Lauren Grevel at lgrevel@ghacf.org or call 616-842-6378.