

What is YSEF? YSEF is the York Suburban Education Foundation. YSEF is an independent nonprofit that was founded in 2008 with the mission of providing learning experiences for YS students that are outside the scope of the usual budget. In other words, YSEF raises money to help pay for the extras – the experiences that are not covered by regular public school funding.

Q: Who is YSEF?

A: Everyone in the York Suburban community is part of YSEF! It is operated by a volunteer board of directors. YSEF is parents, grandparents, alumni, residents, and retired and current staff who donate time and financial resources to do more for York Suburban students.

Q: What will YSEF do for my child?

A: Since YSEF started, we have donated over \$327,000 in grants to YS administrators and teachers to benefit YS students. Examples of the programs we've funded include:

- Greenhouses—hands on learning about plant life and growing through hydroponics
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) programming
- Raising trout in all 7th grade science classes
- Yoga classes and lessons in mindfulness in elementary classes
- Stocking an Impact Closet in each building and operating Food for Thought, a weekend food backpack program (see more info on the back)



Greenhouses . . . To Grow Healthy and Successful Students



Mindful Moments and Yoga for Kids

Q: How does YSEF raise money?

A: We raise money many ways in collaboration with our generous YS community. All donations are tax deductible. We hold an annual fall campaign and a YS alumni event. We have a Celebration of Excellence event each spring that

generates revenue from corporate sponsors, ticket sales and revenue from a silent auction. We also receive funds through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and from various other charitable donations and grants.

Q: Who gets the money?

A: Funds are dispersed through an annual grant process. Any administrator, teacher, or student in YS who wants funding fills out a form describing their wishes. A committee of YSEF reviews the grant requests and determines which grants fit our criteria.

Q: How can I help?

A: You can help YSEF by donating by check or through our website, by volunteering to work on a committee, by attending our events, by donating items for or purchasing items at the silent auction, and by donating items to fill the Impact Closets at each school or replenish Food for Thought backpack items.



Learning Commons District Initiative: STEAM

Questions and Answers about IF



Impact Foundation
Students Helping Students ... A Committee of YSEF

Q: What is the Impact Foundation?

A: The Impact Foundation (IF) is a student-run committee of YSEF. It has one goal: Students helping students within our own school community.

Q: How does the Impact Foundation help YS students?

A: The Impact Foundation manages an Impact Closet in each of the six YS school buildings. These closets contain items that students need the most: food, clothes, sneakers, school supplies, personal hygiene products, and more. These items are **100% FREE** for students who need them. IF also operates Food for Thought, a weekend food backpack program that sends supplemental food home with qualified students every weekend during the school year.

Q: How can my child get things from the Impact Closet or a weekend food backpack?

A: Students and parents can contact any staff member to make confidential arrangements to access the Impact Closets or learn more about accessing the weekend food backpack programs throughout the district.



IF students preparing food backpacks

Q: How can I donate to the Impact Closets or Food for Thought?

A: You can give a cash donation through the YSEF website or by sending a check. You can donate items directly to the school (there is a donation bin in every building). You can bring items to school events where an Impact Foundation table is set up to accept items. And you can watch the YSEF Facebook page where special requests are made when needs arise.



IF students organizing the Impact closets over the summer



2018-19 outgoing and incoming IF boards



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