

Junior Board Collaborative Grant

Grant Type: **Dollar support**

Dollar Amount: **\$60,000 per year**

Foundation Name: **Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation**

What was your objective with the grant or initiative?

The junior board of the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation, established at the behest of the youngest family members who wanted to make their own grant, is celebrating 10 years! Initially, junior board members were allotted \$2,000 per year to make individual grants to the nonprofits of their choice. However, after seeing the impact of the senior board's grantmaking, they decided that individual grants weren't enough. In 2013, they presented a plan for making grants as a group, and, in 2014, the Collaborative Grant began.

What were the results of this grant or initiative?

In its third year, the junior board has given away \$170,000 to 40 nonprofit organizations in California. As a result of their participation in active grantmaking with their peers, the members of the junior board have been able to support nonprofits financially and further develop their skills in writing, research, decision making, and public speaking. Every single junior board member has been an example for other youth philanthropists by presenting at conferences, volunteering with grantees, taking on leadership positions in school, and encouraging, through their thoughtfulness, knowledge, and engagement, senior board members.

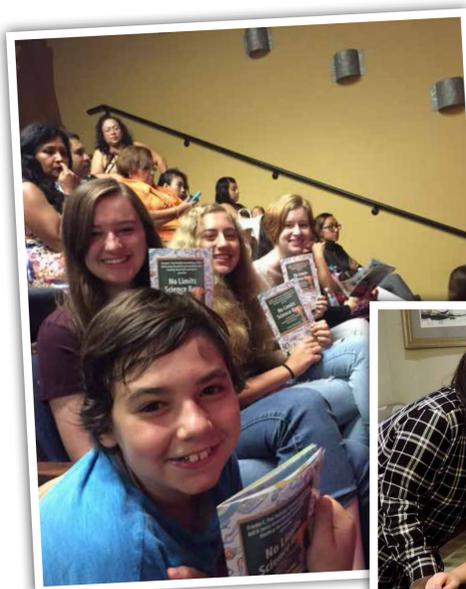


Why would you say this grant or initiative had outsized impact?

Peers in philanthropy are seeing how the foundation has given youth the trust and power necessary to make a difference. The foundation is putting its mission to work by maximizing the potential of youth in its own boardroom. Other foundations are intrigued by this work and now are asking how to create a junior board or youth philanthropy experience of their own.

What did you learn from this project that other funders should know?

As the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation founder says, "I'm in business with 10-year-olds, and they're carrying their weight." When you give youth decision-making power and the money to back it up, they will seize the opportunity to turn their values into actions and make a change right where they are.



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