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Youth Advisory Council

Youth Leaders of Tomorrow... Today



From our inception, St. Croix Foundation has been committed to developing high impact programming for our most important community stakeholders —our youth. In 2009, we formally established a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) with start-up funding provided through the St. Croix Foundation's Matt Miller Fund.

Comprising local middle and high school students, our YAC is teaching members about philanthropy and shaping them into burgeoning grant makers, as they award grants to youth-led community projects. Council members are also identifying ways to ensure that the voices of youth are heard, organizing youth forums for their peers and exploring a range of relevant issues like career development, mentoring and civics.

Global Youth Network

In 2014, our Youth Advisory Council members were selected by the National Youth Leadership Council to present their most recent work, the Global Youth Network, at their annual conference in Washington D.C. The Global Youth Network was entirely conceptualized and designed by youth with adult mentors assisting with technical implementation of an online interactive website. Today, the Global Youth Network links youth, providing new opportunities in career development, civic engagement, and mentoring, as well as identifying and promoting youth leadership to solve challenges in our community. [link to Global Youth Network goes to www.yacstx.org]

Surveying Our Youth

In 2012, the Council released the results of their self-designed youth questionnaire to over 900 youth on St. Croix. Their *Answers for Change Survey* illuminated the needs and challenges of

young people in our community. Results can be viewed [here](#). Today, YAC continues to guide St. Croix Foundation by ensuring that our future plans are geared toward more relevant supports for young people.



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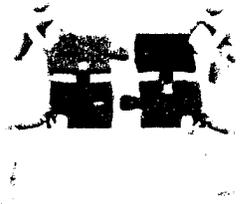


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What We Do

The St. Croix Foundation has a broad field of programmatic priorities including education reform, community revitalization, and economic development as well as public safety and fiscal sponsorship. Each priority is inextricably linked to ensure a holistic and systemic approach to addressing the root causes of some of the most intractable challenges facing our island community. We have developed a progressive, hands-on approach to philanthropy that we believe



is an emerging trend in our industry.

St. Croix Foundation is in no way a traditional community foundation. While our portfolio does include strategic grant making, the core of our programmatic format is as an operating foundation. In fact, as a hybrid foundation, we are singularly committed to deep impact investments. We achieve this by identifying and leveraging available resources, building diverse partnerships, developing innovative programs, and rigorously evaluating the impact of all our investments. As testimony to our successful organizational model, we have received some noteworthy national and international recognitions for our innovation and the systemic impact of our work.

Youth & Education

2014 – Youth Advisory Council’s *Global Youth Network*: National Youth Leadership Council

2009 – Model Schools Initiative: *Transforming Public Education Through Diverse Community Partnerships*, National School Boards Association

Community Revitalization

2008 – Council on Foundations, for the entire body of our community and economic development work

2007 – International Downtown Association, for the comprehensive nature of our town rebuilding efforts to restore an economic center

Economic Development

2003 – Top 5 Women’s Business Center in the Nation, US Small Business Administration

Fiscal Services

2008 – U.S. Health and Resources Services Administration: SCFCD chosen to expand third-party fiduciary work in to programmatic managed in recognition of SCFCD’s compliance with federal standards

1999 – Center for Disease Control: SCFCD chosen to be the third- party fiduciary for AIDS funding

Our Mission

is to encourage greater philanthropic activity, to marshal resources, and to act as a catalyst to benefit the people of the Virgin Islands.

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