

EDUCATION

Youth Success

GOAL: YOUTH HAVE ACCESS TO MENTORS, ROLE MODELS, AND ENRICHMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHICH ENHANCES: PERSONAL GROWTH, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

SUCCESS STORY: To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills – a rigorous program which takes many years to achieve. For his final project, Wyatt Erdmann of Scout Troop 187 in Wisconsin Rapids built a storage shed for Jeremiah's Crossing. Wyatt's older brother Chance, who has autism, first began riding at the Babcock facility – a therapeutic horseback riding ranch. "It was something to give back to Jeremiah's Crossing," Wyatt said. "Chance took lessons, which were free, for years. When Wyatt was old enough, he was invited to ride with Chance. They loved these lessons together," Wyatt's mom Mary Pat explained. "There were some boys in the troop that needed service hours, so the troop went out to clean trails," recalled Wyatt. When Erdmann asked if the organization needed other projects done, Wyatt found his Eagle Scout project. "It's a good 40-minute drive from our home, and Neiman's here in Wisconsin Rapids made it possible to build the shed on our property and deliver the finished product to the ranch," Mary Pat explained. Erdmann said that he appreciated the leadership training he received in Scouts and that completion of the project was very rewarding for him.

**\$99,000
INVESTED IN
PARTNER
PROGRAMS
IN 2023**

LOCAL RESULTS:



90

area teens attended the Teen Job Fair in 2022 where over 20 employers were on hand to offer employment opportunities.



\$5,500

was invested by Women United in 7 literacy programs at local elementary schools in 2022.

Outreach & Events

386 activities were completed in the Youth Success and Early Years Coalitions Cabin Fever Challenge in February 2023.

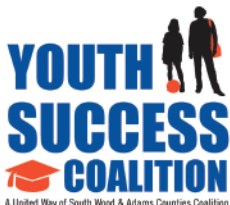


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children received before, after or summer school enrichments through partner programs in 2022.

Volunteer Impact

Over 50 volunteers mobilized to distribute school supplies to 923 students during the Stuff the Desk initiative in 2022.



United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties