Annual Children, Youth & Young Adult Leadership Programming Report: 2013
New Beginnings Youth Group
Educational activities involving reusing yard waste into Holiday decorations, and making Fairy gardens for Holiday gift giving. Before the start of the workshop, three of the older youth were instructed in the activities.

When the other 26 children arrived after school, the 3 older youth led the rest of the others in the two projects. (29 youth served)

**Partners:** New Beginnings Are Possible (53210)

Jacob Ng Eagle Scout Project
The project consisted of planting a vegetable garden, caring for the plants throughout the summer, and donating the produce to the Hunger Task Force. The Milwaukee County Extension office garden program provided the space for Jacob to grow all of his produce. Along with his Eagle Scout troop, Jacob was able to grow over 200 lbs. of food, which the Hunger Task Force distributed to food pantries in the area (1 youth served).

**Partners:** Hunger Task Force (53214)

The African Diaspora Project
Fosters a global education and emphasizes the uniqueness of African culture and heritage. It aims to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of world history, world politics and world oppression in order to expand their potential and willingness to prepare to be future leaders (32 youth served).

**Partners:** North Division (53206), Pan African Community Association (53216)

Healthy Corner Store Initiative
Youth leadership skills are taught as it pertains to growing, eating, and advocating healthy food consumption. The goal is to employ high school age youth, teach them the process of farming/gardening, marketing, and distribution as a way to provide knowledge and business savvy for youth and young adults (8 youth served)

**Partners:** Walnut Way (53205), Lindsey Heights Neighborhood (53205), Alice’s Garden (53205), Magic Foods (53206), Family First (53205), Eagle Foods (53206), Fondy Farmers Market (53206)

Boys to Men Rites of Passage
Adolescents journey through the transition process of self-consciousness to self-discovery. It marks a time when a young person reaches a significant change in their life. Rites help young people to understand their new roles in society and better prepare them for the future. As one learns self-discovery, then one’s able to lead a fulfilled and enriched life (20 youth served).

**Partners:** North Division (53206)

Health Rocks
The goal of Health Rocks is to bring youth 8-16 year olds, families and communities together to reduce tobacco, alcohol, and drug use among youth (63 youth served).

**Partners:** Brown Street Academy (53205), Alice’s Garden (53205), Running Rebels (53205)

Math Literacy Program
Weaves social justice issues throughout its mathematics curriculum to deepen students' understanding of society and to prepare them to be critical, active participants in a democracy (5 youth served).

**Partners:** UWM School of Continuing Education (53203), Martin Luther King Jr School (53212), Boys and Girls Club (53212),
La Follette School (53206), Hartford School (53211)

University / College Internship and Service Learning Program
Helps young adults develop the skill sets that will be necessary in their future careers in Natural Resource Management. Also taught college age students the principal of restoration ecology through hands-on community work days within the Milwaukee County Park System. This included service learning events and internships (181 youth served).

Partners: Milwaukee County Parks Department (53226), UW-Milwaukee (53211), Alverno College (53234)

Natural Areas Management / County Parks Department Programs AmeriCorps Job Training
Youth learn how to work in a team setting through activities such as hiking trail construction, erosion control projects, and invasive species removal. Individuals apply through the national AmeriCorps program (272 youth served).

Partners: Milwaukee County Parks Department (53226)

Student Conservation Association (SCA)
SCA crews, made up of high school age urban youth, are a critical Natural Areas Program partner each summer. Youth are provided training by their crew leaders and UWEX/ Parks staff that guide them through the process of constructing community hiking trails, removing invasive species, building natural fencing, improving wildlife habitats, and educating the community (58 youth served).

Partners: Milwaukee County Parks Department (53226)

Restoration Ecology Pre-College School Partnerships
taught elementary and high school age students the principal of restoration ecology through hands-on community work days within the Milwaukee County Park System (324 youth served).

Partners: Milwaukee County Parks Department (53226), Franklin HS (53132), Greendale HS (53129), Manitoba Elementary School (53215), Whitefish Bay Middle School (53217), South Milwaukee HS (53172)

Forked Aster Eagle Scout Project
Assisted scouts working on their Eagle Scout honor through the construction of boardwalks, kiosks, benches, and foot-bridges to enhance the Milwaukee County Park Department’s Forked Aster Hiking Trail System (6 youth served).

Partners: Milwaukee County Parks Department (53226)

Pan-African Community Association (PACA) gardening program
Children of African refugees participating in the summer after-school program helped build the 17 raised garden beds and plant vegetable crops and herbs. During weekly UWEX gardening and nutrition classes they learned how vegetables grow and easy recipes to prepare and eat them (15 youth served).

Partners: Pan-African Community Association (53216), Shir Hadash Congregation (53211), AKA Black Women’s Sorority (53233)

Clinton Rose Park Beautification Team
This project, coordinated by staff from Co.Supervisor Johnson’s office, consisted of 8 weekly sessions in which youth learned about installation of landscape plants through a beautification project in the center island of the circular entry driveway at the Park’s senior center. Milwaukee County Parks Department staff designed and prepared the area, purchased plants which

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were planted by the youth under the direction of Parks staff and Master Gardener Volunteers and provided mulch that the youth placed over the soil after planting was complete (9 youth served).

**Partners:** Clinton Rose County Park (53212), Milwaukee County Parks Department (53226), Office of Supervisor Willie Johnson (53233), Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc. (53204), St. Ann’s Center for Intergenerational Care (53207), Master Gardener Volunteers (53226)

**Buds ’n Sprouts Summer Youth Gardening program**

The summer youth gardening program is conducted every year using curriculum developed jointly by UW-Extension and the DNR staff at Havenwoods through a grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEED). Sessions cover aspects of gardening and the environment along with self-sufficiency, nutrition and team building. The garden features used in the sessions including pizza garden, rainbow garden, scratch ’n sniff garden. Each group plants, maintains and harvests their own garden area during the course of the 6 – 10 week program (60 youth served).

**Partners:** DNR’s Havenwoods State Forest (53209), DNR (53212), Milwaukee Area Garden Club Federation

**Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (SSCHC)**

Two sessions on late season and spring gardening were conducted for Community Health Leaders by the Extension Consumer Horticulture Agent and translated into Spanish by staff of the SSCHC. While the adults were in the classroom, gardening related activities, games and crafts were led by a Master Gardener for their children. The parents and children came together at the end for a hands-on activity learning how to transplant tomatoes and peppers and to start seeds in containers for transplanting later (10 youth served).

**Partners:** 16th Street Community Health Center (53215), Master Gardener Volunteers (53226)

**Robotics Competition at State Fair**

an international competition hosted each fall using Lego Robotics for middle school youth (45 youth served).

**Partners:** MKE Masterminds Robotrons Team, SUPAR (53215), COA Village of Hope Club (53212), King Center (53205), Texas Buffkin Christian Academy Tech Wizards (53208), Forest Home Library (53204), Center Street Library (53210), Nativity Jesuit School (53215), Our Next Generation (53208), Neu Life Community Center (53205), Wisconsin Career Academy (53207)

**4-H Clubs**

In 4-H clubs, youth serve as leaders and decision makers under the guidance of adult volunteers which focus on involving youth from K5 to 13th grade in a variety of subject areas ranging from animal science to engineering to visual arts (157 youth served).

**Partners:** COA Youth and Family 4-H Club (53212), Einstein’s 4-H Club (53207), Franklin 4-H Club (53132), Neu Life 4-H Club (53205), Northstar 4-H Club (53218), Superkids 4-H Club (53204), TBA Tech Wizards 4-H Club (53208), Walnut Way (53205), Milwaukee Masterminds 4-H Club (53226), Fernwood Aquapons 4-H Club (53207), Milwaukee County Hillside Horse and Horseless 4-H Club (53226), Kids’ 4-H Club (53210), Youth United 4-H Club (53209), Westside Wolverines 4-H Club (53226), Los Lobos 4-H Club (53215), Southside 4-H Club (53204), the Vikings 4-H Club (53204), 4-H school-based club at Saint Rafael School (53215)

**4-H SySTEMatics**

4-H SySTEMatics focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for low-income youth in the city of Milwaukee. Seventh through eighth grade youth complete University researched hands-on STEM activities at their school which allows them to obtain two Continuing Education Units by the end of two years of participation. (120 youth served).

**Partners:** Trowbridge (53207), Fernwood (53207), St. Rafael (53215), St. Martini Lutheran (53204), La Causa Charter School (53204), UW-Waukesha Continuing Education, and AmeriCorps VISTAs
Wisconsin 4-H Tech Wizards
Wisconsin 4-H Tech Wizards is an afterschool program that exposes school-aged youth to technology in a small-group mentoring environment. Youth learn basic life and workforce skills to build stronger communities and a better world. 4-H Tech Wizards is a unique opportunity to engage volunteers and corporate employees who can offer expertise in science, workforce application, and mentoring to youth in local communities.

Partners: AGAPE Community Center, COA Youth and Family Center, Highland Community School, Nativity Jesuit Middle School, South Division High School’s Community Learning Center organized by Journey House, Texas Bufkin Christian Academy, Washington DuBois Christian Academy

Biodiversity Project
Students worked on a project to learn more about biodiversity here and in a tropical rainforest. This included a service project at Wehr Nature Center to improve a part of our woodland by pulling invasive plants (69 youth served).

Partners: Greenfield Bilingual School (53215), Wehr Nature Center (53132)

Beach Clean-Up Project
University students did a service project to adopt a beach at Grant Park. This group did water and beach monitoring as well as a beach clean-up (8 youth served).

Partners: Grant Park (53172), UW-Milwaukee (53211), Wehr Nature Center (53132)

Woodland Restoration Project
This group worked to restore a woodland area at school to a healthier wildlife habitat (55 youth served).

Partners: Ben Franklin School (53132), Wehr Nature Center (53132)

Earth Day Project
Students from Hales Corners Elementary did an Earth Day Service project in April, 2013 at Wehr Nature Center, pulling invasive buckthorn (25 youth served).

Partners: Hales Corners Elementary (53130), Wehr Nature Center (53132)

Milwaukee County Junior Fair Program
Each fall, youth have a chance to be rewarded for all their hard work at the Milwaukee County Fair. Their project will be judged and displayed for hundreds of people to see. The fair has many fun and exciting activities for youth to participate in and exhibits are designed to help a young person show what he or she has accomplished (33 youth served).

Partners: Milwaukee County Fair Association

Youth Leadership
is designed to promote the capacities for learning, responsibility and cooperation for children ages 12-16 years. The workshop includes a series of activities developed for classroom work; although, they also may be used effectively with afterschool programs and other community youth groups (12 youth served).

Partners: CommUNITY Connection Consulting LLC. (53202), COA Community Center (53212)

Pre-College Institute
The Pre-College Institute connects Milwaukee County youth and their parents to University of Wisconsin Colleges and the University of Wisconsin System pre-college resources. The Institute provides 6th through 12th grade students an array of pre-college services which helps them prepare for the college environment. These include, campus visits, academics, and financial considerations that all have an impact on a family to support a youth’s decision to go to college (55 youth served).

Partners: Office of College and Career Readiness –Milwaukee Public Schools (53208), The Silver Spring Neighborhood Center (53208), I Have A Dream Foundation (53210), New Beginnings (53216), The Hmong American Peace Academy (53225) Indian Community School (53132), UW-Richland, UW-Rock County, UW-Washington County, UW-Waukesha, UW HELP, Lead to Change (53202), St. Anthony School (53204), Windlake Academy, Seeds of Health (53215)
In 2013, the Milwaukee County UW Extension 4-H Youth Development, Natural Areas Management teams and our many volunteers reached nearly 1,646 children, youth and young adults to develop their skills as leaders.

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