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### **YAR offers community services grants for youth groups**

**Racine, Wisconsin (November 15, 2011)** – How can children and teens make a difference in their community, neighborhoods or schools? They can get involved in projects or activities that help address a community need or problem. December 16, 2011 is the deadline for youth groups applying for a Youth As Resources (YAR) community service grant.

Youth As Resources is a grantmaking program funded by United Way of Racine County. Grants up to \$1,000 are available to groups of youth (up to age 24) interested in designing and completing their own community service project. To be considered for funding, applicants must complete and submit a grant application and supporting documents by the December grant deadline. Applications are screened by the Youth As Resources board and applicants eligible for funding are invited to present their project proposal directly to the board. Funded projects will receive funds four to six weeks after the initial grant deadline.

All groups of youth from community organizations, religious communities, schools, classrooms, and other non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a free grantwriting workshop prior to submitting a grant application. Prior to the upcoming deadline, YAR is offering two grantwriting workshops: Monday, November 21 and Thursday, December 1. Workshops begin at 5:00 pm and are held at United Way of Racine County, 2000 Domanik Drive. Participants will learn about the YAR grant process, how to complete the application, how to design a budget, and more.

To download a YAR grant application or to register for a YAR grantwriting workshop, visit the YAR page in [www.unitedwayracine.org](http://www.unitedwayracine.org). For more information, please contact Youth As Resources Program Coordinator Jessica Safransky at 262.898.2251 or [jsafransky@unitedwayracine.org](mailto:jsafransky@unitedwayracine.org).

### **About United Way of Racine County**

United Way of Racine County advances the common good by focusing on education, income and health: the building blocks for a good life. United Way funds more than 70 programs and special projects, while also initiating and facilitating systems-wide initiatives to create long-lasting change. United Way works in partnership with other individuals and organizations throughout Racine County who bring the passion, resources and expertise to address the community's most critical issues. For more information, visit [www.unitedwayracine.org](http://www.unitedwayracine.org) or call 262-898-2240.

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