

Grant Making

The SURF Board has made grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 during their history. All of the projects supported have been organized and carried out by young people.

Soup kitchen & Clothing closet

Cooleemee First Baptist Youth

Film equipment

Davie County Young Filmmakers

Spirit week/Lock-in

Davie County Early College

Tutoring Program

Davie County Early College

Inspiring Hope & Love project

VOICES & Hillsdale UMC Youth

Project Save the Stage

DHS Drama Club

Leaping Laptops

DHS Leadership Class II

Junior Firefighter Equipment

Advance Junior Firefighters

Paintball, My Anti-Drug

Matt Webb & Firestorm

Diversity Lunches

DHS Leadership Class I

Applications for the SURF Board are accepted in May of each year. Applicants may be required to be interviewed by the existing board before acceptance.

If you are a high school aged youth and want to be part of making life better for young people in Davie County, Contact us today!



To download an application or to check out current news, visit

www.daviefoundation.org

and see the "Youth/SURF" tab!



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SURF Board Youth Grant Makers



WHAT IS THE SURF BOARD?

Created in 2005, the SURF Board is a youth grant making organization for high school aged youth in Davie County. The Board is organized under the Davie Community Foundation who focuses its unrestricted grant making on youth and literacy issues.

The SURF Board gives young people an opportunity to learn about philanthropy; giving of their time, talents, and treasures to make life better for youth in Davie County. Board members learn about needs in the community, the responsibilities that go along with giving, as well as important leadership skills that will serve them well into adulthood.

SURF meets each summer for a team building retreat to get to know new members and develop a trusting relationship with each other. SURF meets monthly following the retreat.



In the fall each year, SURF joins youth grant makers from all over the state at a Youth Giving Summit. The board spends the day learning and growing together with other youth. The Youth Summit has been a very successful event that board members look forward to each year.



SURF releases a request for proposals (RFP) for youth-led projects in the fall and makes grant decisions in the winter. They exercise good stewardship in the granting of funds and perform regular follow-ups to see that grants are successful.

SURF Board History

The SURF Board is truly a youth-led organization. It grew from a group of young people from a variety of backgrounds who came together in January 2005 to discuss a youth-led philanthropy movement.

"In the beginning, we were shocked that adults were asking us what we thought and were really interested. We weren't used to being asked. Most adults just think kids are hoodlums that wreck stuff and get on people's nerves. But these people seemed to want our opinions. We were amazed to think that we might be able to give away money," said Meagen Brookman.

The group developed a list of questions about

issues facing youth in our county. They hosted 28 focus groups to get input from their peers and presented their results in May 2005.

In August 2005 a grant making board was formed and began to explore making grants to address the issues youth had identified.

The SURF Board operates with a mission statement of "We are SURF Board and we will be philanthropists and help the youth of Davie County!"

Fund Raising

In its first two years of operation SURF had the benefit of grant funds from NC Discovery Alliance and NC Gives. In more recent years, SURF has actively participated in fund raising projects to generate dollars to award to other youth. Strategies have ranged from "making the ask" face-to-face, to a prize raffle, to a ping pong tournament. All have been learning experiences for the board as they planned and executed each project.

