



# ROSE YOUTH FOUNDATION

## 2021 Report to the Community



Rose Youth Foundation taught me the importance of giving back to my community. Because of this experience, I am inspired to always look for ways I can help out wherever I may find myself in the future.

- Ellie Avner, Denver Academy of Torah



Rose Youth Foundation was an opportunity to support my community in a way I otherwise never would have, and reminded me that my desire to give back is rooted in my Judaism. This experience showed me that, even as a teen, I have the power to make a difference.

- Ava Barish, East High School



Rose Youth Foundation is focused on grant giving, but it taught me that funding is not the only way to give. Each organization we researched had different ways you could support their cause. I look forward to engaging with some of these organizations in the future.

- Quinn Booth, George Washington High School



Rose Youth Foundation was an amazing experience, and taught me not only about the decision making behind funding programs, but opened my eyes to important issues and the amazing programs that help address them. I am lucky to have been a part of this program.

- Lucy Foster, George Washington High School



### Rose Youth Foundation (RYF)

is an initiative of Rose Community Foundation that engages Jewish high school students in collaborative grantmaking. The program is youth-led, empowering teens to use the tools of strategic philanthropy to make a substantial difference. The members of RYF work together to discuss what it means to give in a Jewish way, explore community issues, determine a funding priority, meet with nonprofit leaders and ultimately determine how to grant \$60,000 to improve their community. This is the 20th Rose Youth Foundation cohort.

My favorite part about Rose Youth Foundation is that we are entrusted with the responsibility to make real decisions. The opportunity to meaningfully participate in philanthropy and interact with organizations doing amazing work is something I will always be grateful for.

- Sandy Goldstein, George Washington High School



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Rose Youth Foundation taught me to be a speaker amongst peers but also a listener - two distinct skills I cannot imagine being without now. I learned from my experience that I have to be strong in my values, beliefs and critical thinking skills, even if it's difficult to express.

- Benjamin Kohav, Fairview High School



Rose Youth Foundation gave me the opportunity to influence real change in the world. I discovered a passion for grantmaking and nonprofit work that has impacted who I am and who I will become. I only wish the program was longer.

- Jacob Pomerantz, Denver Jewish Day School



Rose Youth Foundation showed me that I can use my Jewish values as a guide to impact my community. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow alongside incredible teens and meet with inspiring organizations. They have motivated me to prioritize giving back.

- Abigail Shapiro, Colorado Academy



Youth are the community leaders of tomorrow, and also today. In 2011, Rose Community Foundation launched a campaign to endow Rose Youth Foundation with a goal of \$2 million to permanently fund the program.

To support the endowment, please visit [rcfdenver.org/give](https://rcfdenver.org/give) and select Rose Youth Foundation.



### 2021 Grant Awards

This Rose Youth Foundation cohort chose to use its grant allocation to address longstanding education achievement gaps that have been exacerbated by the impacts of COVID-19. Funding was directed to nonprofit and school district programs aimed at removing inequitable barriers to learning and supporting adaptive and innovative solutions that keep students and their families on-track for life-long success.

#### **"I Have a Dream Foundation" of Boulder County - \$10,000**

To support four cohorts of elementary-aged Dreamer Scholars, aimed at empowering children from low-income communities to meet their goals and succeed.

#### **Glowmundo - \$10,000**

To support social and emotional learning for 4th and 5th grade students at Peoria Elementary, as well as equity training for staff and teachers to develop culturally responsive instruction practices and equitable school policies.

#### **Westminster Public Schools, \$40,000**

To support a Reading Summer Camp for elementary-aged students to help them maintain or exceed their reading grade level over the summer break.