



ROSE YOUTH FOUNDATION

2023 Report to the Community

About the Program

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 difference. Members 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 grant \$60,000 to improve the Greater Denver community. This is the 21st cohort of Rose Youth Foundation.



2023 Grant Awards

To support the mental health and wellbeing of teens who are struggling with substance abuse and misuse.

Soul Stories (\$10,000) - Student-centered storytelling workshop that facilitates personal healing, human connection and social change, so that communities have the tools to build healthy relationships in support of their mental and emotional well-being.

Girls Inc. (\$20,000) - Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold with a vision to create a world in which every girl values her whole self, discovers her inner strengths and achieves her goals.

Tigray Ethiopian Community Association (\$30,000) - Providing mental health programs to help youth build resiliency as they work through past trauma, build stronger relationships with themselves, their families and their community, and gain healthy coping mechanisms.



2022-2023 Rose Youth Foundation Members

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