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*Happy November!*

*We are thankful for so much this year! After our road trip across the country, we know that we can do so much more together than alone. We appreciate all of our partners, sponsors, grantees, every youth philanthropist, and every adult advisor. Thank YOU for your work to make change to enhance communities across the country and world!*

*We wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and holiday season with your family.*

*-Team YPC*

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## **Meet a Youth Philanthropist!** **Leadership Team member Luke Sturtz**

Luke is the first to be featured in our new series.

"Do you want to be a part of HANDS?"

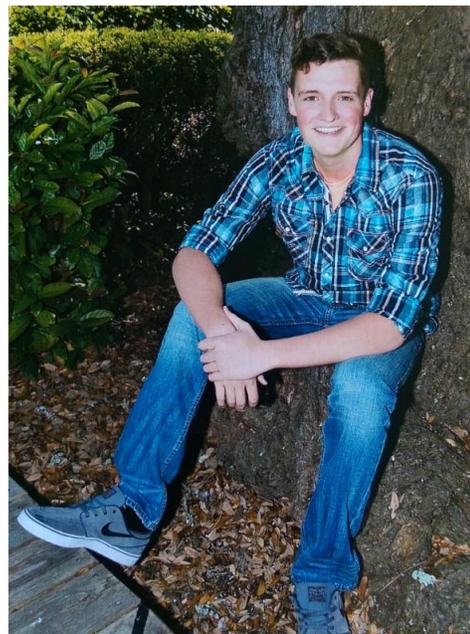
"What's that?"

"It's a philanthropic group."

"Well ... What's philanthropy?"

Such was the conversation that Luke Sturtz, Leadership Team member and student at Churubusco High School in Northeast Indiana, had with **The Dekko Foundation** when he was in eighth grade. His knowledge of philanthropy has certainly grown since.

From his initial recruitment to HANDS (Helping Achieve New Direction through Students), Sturtz also joined **PhISH** (Philanthropic Ideas Strategy and Heart), another youth initiative funded by The Dekko Foundation, and is now a two-year member of **Youth Philanthropy Connect's Leadership Team.**



With five years of experience under his belt, Sturtz is now arguably a seasoned youth philanthropist. He owes all of his knowledge of the field, he said, to The Dekko Foundation. "It's much more than just giving your money-it's about giving your time, and giving your talents. The Dekko Foundation has enabled me, empowered me, and taught me to be able to do just that."

The goal of HANDS ... ([Read Luke's full profile here.](#))

## Encouraging 10,000 Lessons about Giving on #GivingTuesday



During this giving season, Learning to Give is challenging 10,000 teachers to [TeachOne](#) giving lesson on December 1. The goal is to involve 30,000 young people in classroom conversations about giving to ignite action and leverage the #GivingTuesday movement. Learn more [here](#).

### Mini-Grants Available

Learning to Give is offering teachers a chance to plan a project they might not otherwise be able to afford: take a field trip to a local community resource, invite a speaker on an issue, or purchase books and project supplies. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Jewish Teen Funders Network is hosting new webinar series!

Jewish Teen Funders (JTFN) is launching a new **Professional Learning Series**. These webinars are designed to broaden participants' understanding of teen philanthropy.

### [Tzedakah & Beyond: How Jewish Sensibilities Can Shape Who We Are and How We Act](#)

Nov. 24, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. ET

Speakers: Rabbi Lee Moore, Director of Jewish Organizational Learning for the Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah, & Jonathan Woocher, President of Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah. Click [here](#) to RSVP.



Additional webinars include:

- [I Got Your Back! How to Build Youth-Adult Partnerships in Philanthropy](#);
- [Building a Platform for Youth Giving](#), and
- [In a Position to Give: Addressing Privilege with Jewish Teens](#).

## Submit a Proposal for YPC's 2016

# International Conference

On behalf of the [Youth Philanthropy Connect Leadership Team](#), are requesting workshop proposals for YPC's 2016 International conference for youth philanthropists (ages 8-21) and the adults who support them.

This year's theme is **Building Tomorrow, Together: The Future of Philanthropy!** Along with workshops on basics in philanthropy, we will be focusing on philanthropic innovations and the next generation of givers! Sessions should center on emerging ideas for the field of philanthropy, giving, and supporting nonprofits.

Proposals are due on Wednesday, JANUARY 13TH

[Click here to submit today!](#)



Questions? Contact [conference@youthphilanthropyconnect.org](mailto:conference@youthphilanthropyconnect.org).



## Congratulations Danielle!

YPC Fellow and Leadership Team alumna **Danielle LaJoie** was just elected to the [Council of Michigan Foundation's](#) Board of Trustees. It's so great to see examples of young leaders engaged in philanthropy at such a high level.

## Foundation Center Update

Foundation Center is getting in the spirit of giving by sending thanks to all the partners and friends who have been contributing to the project. They are thankful for all the support from the [Andrus Family Fund](#), the [Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation](#), the [Conrad N. Hilton Foundation](#), the [Charles Stewart Mott Foundation](#), and the [Tarsadia Foundation](#).



They also encourage you to get into the spirit of giving by **letting them know what**

reports, stories, grants data, or excitement on youth philanthropy you can share on their soon-to-be launching special collection. Let them know by signing up at [YouthGiving.org](http://YouthGiving.org).

JOIN US FOR OUR 2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

JULY 7-9, 2016  
DISNEYLAND RESORT  
ANAHEIM, CA

SAVE THE DATE &  
VISIT [YOUTHPHILANTHROPYCONNECT.ORG](http://YOUTHPHILANTHROPYCONNECT.ORG)!



## Making Travel Plans?

Connect with [Annie or Katherine](#) at the events below! We would love to hear an update on your work in the field!

**[21/64 #NextGenDonors Retreat](#)**  
February 4-6, 2016, New York City

**[Grantmakers for Effective Organizations National Conference](#)**  
May 2-4, 2016, Minneapolis

**[YPC International Conference](#)**  
July 7-9th Anaheim, CA

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Join us on social media to find out more about Youth Philanthropy Connect and hear about youth philanthropy programs and pertinent news such as:

[Grand Rapids Business Journal: The Future of Philanthropy](#)

[The Thanksgiving Reader: New Holiday Resource for Gratitude](#)

[Teens Put Their Faith in Helping Others with Basics](#)

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