



Annual Report 2022-2023



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Introduction



- The MYC welcomed ten new members who were sworn, starting our year with 19 members.
 - 18 served a whole year; one was dismissed due to excessive absences.
- 13 seniors have graduated this past June, and the remaining members have committed to another year on the Commission.
- For the 2023-2024 year, we have **accepted 19 members**.
 - Starting our year with **24 members**

Successes

Community outreach
Increased Participation
Retreat
Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration
Recruitment



Successes - community outreach

Community Outreach : We increased our community engagement strategies and were able to reach a wider audience through a number of different platforms.

- a. Social Media (@manchesteryc)
- b. Community Conversations
- c. Bicentennial Podcast



Successes - increased participation



Increased Participation/Volunteering : Youth Commissioners attended a number of community events and local gatherings to represent the youth of our town.

- Fall Fest/Halloween Event
- Holiday in the Park
- Earth Day Clean Up
- FACTS Club
- Bicentennial Event
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Collaborations with other organizations and committees in town.
 - i. Juneteenth Committee
 - ii. Sustainability Committee
 - iii. Manchester Art Commission
 - iv. Communications and Civic Engagement Office

Bicentennial Grants

Philanthropy



Grants



01 Lutz Children's Museum

Fully Funded - \$4,303

02 Manchester Early Childhood Collaborative

Partially Funded - \$3,529

03 Manchester Adult & Continuing Education

Partially Funded - \$3,000

04 St. John's Polish National Catholic Church

Fully Funded - \$5,000

05 Manchester Public Library

Fully Funded - \$5,000

06 Manchester Garden Club

Fully Funded - \$1,306

07 African American & Black Affairs Council

Fully Funded - \$5,000

08 WORK_SPACE

Fully Funded - \$3,350

09 23 Walks w/ the Town Historian

Fully Funded - \$4,485

10 Education and Celebration of Native American Peoples

Fully Funded - \$5,000

Training and Development



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

The Manchester Youth Commission is committed to continuous improvement and betterment. Throughout the year, we engage in a number of training and development opportunities that help us grow to be the best version of ourselves.



- **Bootcamp**
(September 17, 2022)
- **Retreat** (December 10 - 12, 2022)
- **Government Academy** (Fall of 2022)



- **Windsor Teen Summit** (May 20, 2023)
- **Recruitment/ Interviews** (late May to early June)
- **Senior Send off/Waffle - off** (June 20, 2023)

Challenges

01 Bicentennial Grant

02 Attendance

03 Committees



Goals

- 01 Preparing a New Commission
- 02 Greater Intentionality & Reflection
- 03 Continued Visibility



Final Words from our Chair, --- McKenna Piper



