



Vision, Mission and Purpose

youthrive's Vision

The vision of youthrive is peaceful and just communities where young people are recognized and valued.

youthrive's Mission

The mission of youthrive is to engage young people with adults in strengthening leadership and peace-building skills.

The Purpose of *youthrive* is to:

- Inspire and engage youth and adults, through education, leadership and service to integrate peacemaking activities into their lives, their communities and the world:
- Provide opportunities and experiences for all youth to engage in civic dialogue and civic action on issues of social justice, human rights, non-violence and anti-racism;
- Reduce the barriers and foster connections for the full and authentic engagement of all youth in addressing community concerns.
- Create an environment that values youth voice.

Program Descriptions

PEACEJAM

youthrive is the Upper Midwest Affiliate for PeaceJam International. The PeaceJam headquarters is in Denver, Colorado. *youthrive* provides PeaceJam programming and events in the following states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

PeaceJam consists of a curriculum that can be used with any youth group in school and out of school. The curriculum introduces young people to 12 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. PeaceJam Juniors program is designed for youth ages 5-11, PeaceJam Leaders is for ages 11-14, PeaceJam Ambassadors is for ages 14-19 and PeaceJam Scholars is intended for the college age. High school students have the opportunity to participate in two yearly events; PeaceJam and PeaceJam Slam. A world summit is held every two years.

PeaceJam Slam is a one day leadership event that serves as an opportunity to prepare for PeaceJam event. Participants attend workshops and network with students from all over the five state area.

PeaceJam event is held in the spring and is two days long. At the event, youth participants have the opportunity to spend the weekend interacting with a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Students present to the Laureate the service-learning projects that they created and implemented in their communities. The Global Call to Action is the focus of the event.

DAY OF PEACE

Day of Peace is a program of *youthrive* that is specifically designed to address the issues of the young residents of Minnesota Correctional Facility – Red Wing.

PEACE BY PIECE

Peace by Piece is a *youthrive* program that provides skill development in peace building, anger management, conflict resolution and creating connections to the community for participants ages 12-18. The PeaceJam Leaders curriculum is used in this program; participants will then attend PeaceJam events.

CIRCLE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Circle of Youth Engagement is a *youthrive* program that strives to support young people through leadership and service-learning opportunities as facilitators with adult partners.

YOUTH VOICE THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Youth Voice through Creative Expression is a *youthrive* program intended to foster the development of self confidence and leadership skills by nurturing young peoples' creative voices through a variety of art forms, including Hip-Hop music and culture.

PEACE BUILDING IN ACTION

Documenting, through photographs and narrative, young people making a significant impact and affecting positive change. Such documentation will be compiled into a comprehensive book that will capture the compelling motivation of "Leadership and Results."

About *youthrive*

Each of the above programs consist of a core group of young people who facilitate group meetings, plan, develop, and implement activities and projects with support from a *youthrive* adult.

youthrive is governed by a Board of Directors, which consists of college students, community leaders and four young people with full voting rights. Young people are involved in every step of running this organization.

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