

Organization Name	Title of Program/Project	Briefly explain the program/project.
Operation Love Ministries, Inc.	Back to School Assistance Program	Operation Love helps over 100 children in need receive clothing, bookbags, and school supply assistance each year. With a grant from YLA, families in need can make sure their children are prepared for the first day of school and ready for an optimal learning experience while being able to put their money towards pressing needs such as rent, utility bills, or food.
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana	St. Mary's School Pantry	The school pantry at St. Mary's in Anderson responds to our mission to provide help for today through food and hope for tomorrow through relationships built between families and schools.
College Mentors for Kids INC	Anderson Chapter Funding	The mentor program takes place on the university campus, after school, once a week. Volunteer college mentors build one-on-one relationships with their elementary school student or "little buddy" to help them develop a positive sense of self and encourage good behavior. The program uses experiential learning to teach kids about opportunities for their future and why school is important to reaching those goals. Every week, the on-campus mentoring involves an activity that teaches the elementary students about one of three topic areas: (1) career and higher education, (2) culture and diversity, and (3) community service. Mentors also engage their youth in journal time where the elementary student is prompted to reflect and write down what they learned during the day's activity. To help promote literacy, mentors and little buddies listen to the reading of a book that ties into the activity day topic—this reading is called "book of the week". Finally, to increase awareness of future opportunity in at-risk little buddies, a "college question of the week" is used to further the elementary students' understanding of college and how it could help them in the future.
Anderson Area Children's Choir	More than just a rug – a teaching tool	The AACC Preparatory Program provides introductory music education for children in kindergarten through 2 nd grade. This choir is open to any K-2 nd grade child regardless of ability and requires no audition to participate. The Preparatory Program meets once a week for one hour throughout the school year. The Concert Choir program provides music education for children in grades 3 and 4 and builds on the fundamentals the children learned in the Preparatory Program. At this level, singers audition for placement and continue to audition through the next levels of choir curriculum. The Concert Choir Program meets for an hour and 15 minutes each week. Singers enrolled in both the Preparatory and Concert Choir programs have the opportunity to participate in public performances and community engagements. As the singers progress into the two upper level choir programs, they expand their understanding of music theory and sight reading and perform a more extensive repertoire of music genres. The two upper level choirs are also afforded the opportunity to collaborate with other arts organizations such as Anderson University and the Lapel Community Band. These choir programs exist to provide Anderson-area children with an opportunity to participate in a vocal music experience in a group setting that exposes them to diverse backgrounds, builds music appreciation, discipline and teamwork to deliver excellence in choral performance.
Alternatives Incorporated	Learning and Exploration	Alternatives is requesting funding to support education and recreational field trips for the children residing in our shelter for domestic and sexual violence survivors during the summer months. Funding from the Youth Leadership Academy will allow children hands-on learning opportunities they might not otherwise experience. Keeping children engaged in learning during the summer will allow them to succeed academically once school resumes.
More Than Conquerors	Camp Victorious 2020	MTC will be offering a summer camp for all kids in the area. The camp will focus on building life skills, building faith, learning how to serve others, and having a summer full of hilarious hijinks.

East Central Indiana CASA	Child Advocacy & Visitation Project	We are requesting funds to help cover some of the training expenses for new volunteers, as well as on-going support such as travel expenses to visit a child if needed. There are expenses involved with training our CASA volunteers. The training manuals alone cost approximately \$25 each. Additionally, an increasing percentage of our abused and/or neglected children continue to be in placements outside of the Madison County community. This is due to the increase in cases, and the lack of foster homes in our own community and surrounding areas. A portion of this funding from this project will go towards covering mileage costs for volunteers and staff advocates to visit these vulnerable children who are placed far away from their homes. Some of these children who are placed a distance away are some of our most severe and difficult cases. It isn't fair that they would not have an advocate due to their placement. Some are placed in residential facilities that are far away and make it difficult for visitors to visit. Advocates provided additional support during those residential stays.
Ivy Tech Foundation	YMCA Childcare Drop-in Center on campus	Many of our students at the Anderson campus face financial barriers when it comes to attending college. Because almost 50% of our students are parents, one of those barriers is affordable childcare. By partnering with our local YMCA, we will be opening up an onsite childcare drop-in center for our students to use for free while attending Ivy Tech classes starting January 13, 2020. This will benefit our student with young children by providing a free high quality childcare service that is safe and convenient.
Book Heroes	Book Heroes - Ingalls Police Department	This first-of-its-kind, "no strings attached" community-engagement outreach program stocks rescue vehicles and supports child-centric agencies with new children's activity, sticker and chapter books along with new stuffed animals. The primary mission is to equip first responders with resources to comfort children in crisis.
Aspire Indiana	Youth Space Update at 2020 Brown Street	Aspire Indiana Health has served Central Indiana for over 40 years as a behavioral health center specializing in serving individuals with severe mental illness and substance abuse. It's our philosophy of whole-life health that led to a new focus on primary and preventative care in 2015. Through this application, we are seeking funds to update the youth space and waiting room at our 2020 Brown Street office in Anderson.
A Town Center, Inc.	Kid's Art Camp	A Town Center is looking for programming support for one of our community outreach projects: Kid's Camp. We host four weeks of Kid's Camp annually. One week during Spring Break, one week during Fall Break and two weeks during the summer. The cost for a student to attend the entire week is \$100 or \$25 per day for a one time class. We would like to offer up to ten scholarships for children to attend a week of camp free of charge, removing financial obstacles to them experiencing the arts.