

SYTA YOUTH FOUNDATION

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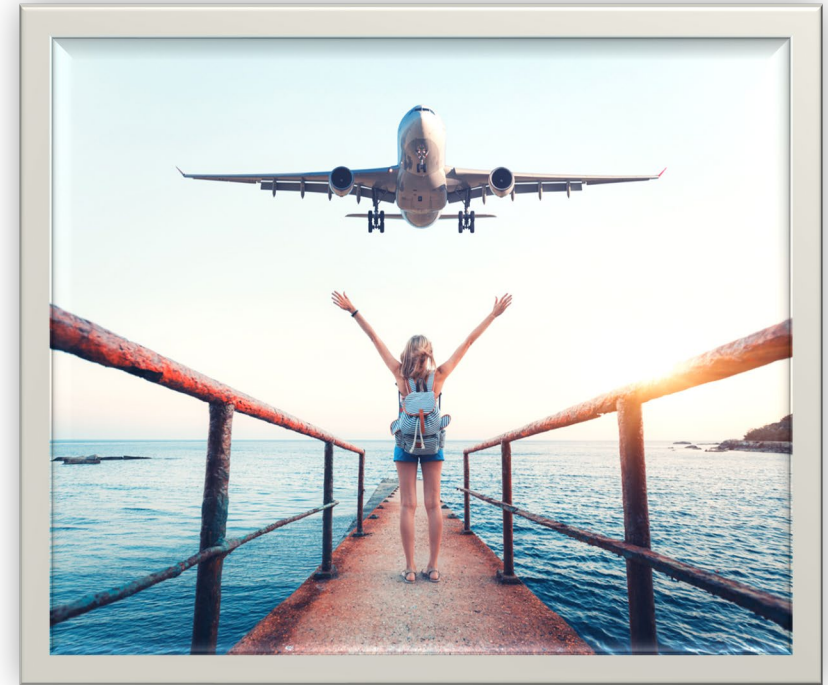


Vision

To provide young people access to travel experiences that spark curiosity, cultural awareness and care for the world.

Mission

The SYTA Youth Foundation connects youth with the resources required for travel experiences that will inspire them to be confident, connected, and globally responsible citizens.





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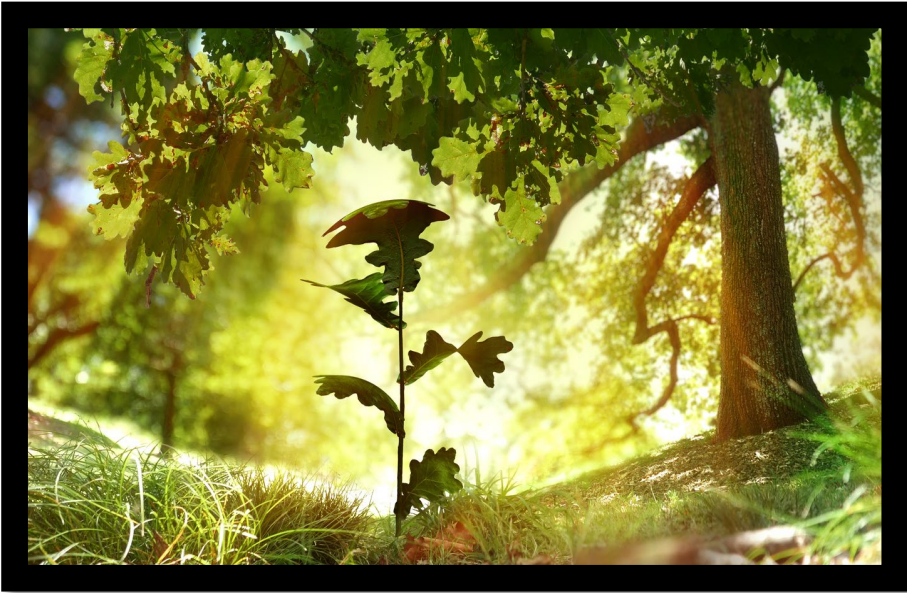


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SYTA Youth Foundation

Founded in 2000 by Rip Hunter and Cindy Brown, together with 26 charter members.



- The Road Scholarship was created. Five scholarships and \$3,400 were awarded the first year.
 - Ripley Hunter “World is a Classroom” Essay Contest was established.
 - The Silver Linings program was created. The first program, after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, brought kids from New Orleans to Chicago. This program is slated to return in Fall 2024.
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- The “Acorn Fund” was created. Now known as the “Acorn Society” donations to this fund ensure the SYTA Youth Foundation will have a lasting impact for future generations of student and youth travelers.

SYTA Youth Foundation

- Carylann Assante joins SYTA and the Foundation as CEO.
- In partnership with Sea World Parks and Entertainment, the Next Generation Program provided interactive and innovative learning experiences.
- Disney Theatrical Group donates 100 tickets to the SYTA Youth Foundation's Students on Broadway program.
- The DC Rite of Passage program was created by the American Experience Foundation and the SYTA Youth Foundation.
- The Road Scholarship program surpasses 2,000 kids impacted with over \$850K donated in scholarships.
- Travel Insured International changed what it means to give back by donating a portion of their sales to SYF. To date, they have given over \$275,000 to support the Foundation's programs and scholarships.



SYTA Youth Foundation

- Acorn Fund achieves \$1M goal.
- “Soar. Rise. Climb.” campaign raises over \$70k with a matching grant from Music USA Festivals.
- GroupCollect commits to donate \$50K for two years, the largest one-time donation the Foundation has received to date.
- Annual Giving Society is introduced. Over \$278K was raised.
- 2023 annual auction broke records with over \$69K raised.



- The SYTA Youth Foundation participated in Your Big Year’s Virtual Travel Impact Challenge. To date this program has impacted over 1000 kids.

Because of your generosity and commitment, the SYTA Youth Foundation has fulfilled over 8,000 travel dreams and awarded more than \$1.5M.



Thank you for making 25 years of impact possible!



Annual Giving Society

Provides the SYTA Youth Foundation with the necessary funds to achieve our annual goals.

Voyager	---> \$50,000+
Trailblazer	---> \$20,000+
Pathfinder	---> \$10,000+
Adventurer	---> \$5,000+
Discoverer	---> \$2,000+
Explorer	---> \$1,000+
Wingman	---> \$500+
Crew	---> \$250+

2023

580 students impacted, \$76,595 awarded

Road Scholarship

65 students \$54,300 awarded

World is a Classroom Essay Contest

5 students, \$5500 awarded

Students on Broadway

100 students

Global Citizens Challenge

330 students

Grants

80 students, \$16,795 awarded

2024 to date

624 students impacted, \$31,278 awarded

Road Scholarship spring 2024
41 students impacted, \$25,200 awarded
(Awarded 15 applications-received 154)

World is a Classroom Essay Contest
5 students, \$5500 awarded
(45 applicants)

Students on Broadway 100 students impacted

Global Citizens Challenge 300 students impacted

Grants 178 students, \$12,900 awarded

Your 2024 donation helps us bridge the gap between the number of applications we receive and what we can award.



“This trip impacted me in no way that any textbook ever could. It perfectly shows how the world can be an effective tool for learning and understanding”.

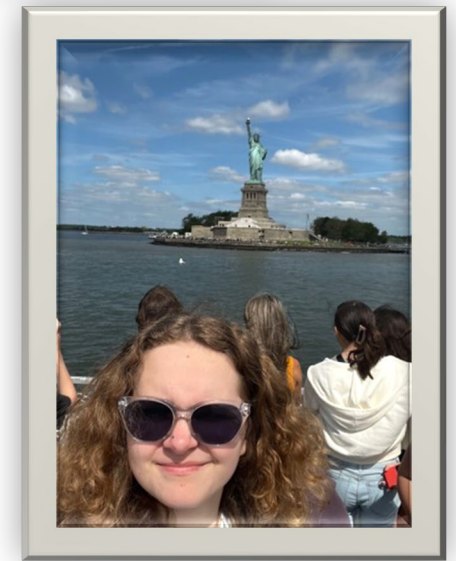
-Andrew, 15

“I always wondered why some people have loads of opportunity while others struggle to survive. Traveling has given me insight to the necessity in bettering international health care.”

-Lauren, 17

“Isiah had the trip of a lifetime! He was engaged, respectful and volunteered every chance he got. Thank you for making this possible”

-Mrs. Nowack, teacher





Alex Mazzaris
“World is a Classroom”
Essay winner
2011