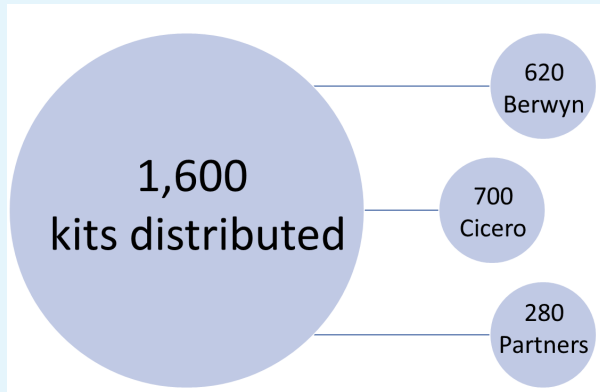


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Take-Home Kits



To keep kids connected and engaged during Covid-19 lock-down, YC distributed 200 kits weekly to community members and families between July and October. Kits included social-emotional learning activities, arts & crafts project materials and snacks.

Starting in November, we reduced the number of weekly kits to 50 and only distributed those kits to YCA program participants. Once each month we hosted a “community distribution” event where we passed out 200 kits to the broader community.

YC also conducted a number of additional distribution days where we passed out 100 Christmas Trees, 500 backpacks, and 120 turkeys. We also adopted 45 families for a “Holiday adopt-a-family” where hundreds of toys were distributed.

Youth, Connections & Academ-



YC provided virtual programming three days a week for middle school students, culminating in 51 days of program, 53 students enrolled and 940 youth attendance hours. We met 3 times weekly via zoom and once a week in person.

While weather permitted, we took full advantage of using the park and when it got colder, we moved program indoors.

We had high program participant engagement in kit pick-up and we successfully integrated kit activities (STEM, arts, and life skills) into the weekly YCA program activities. YCA collaborated with clinical interns to incorporate SEL activities into the kits which is presented at YCA once weekly.

Student Survey (10 responses)	
I like being in the program	100%
The program overall helped me feel more confident	100%
The program leaders treated me with respect	100%
I feel like I belong in the program	100%
I feel I can talk to program leader about problems I am having	100%
Program leaders encouraged me to do my best	100%
I feel like I can trust the programs leaders	100%
I was sometimes given a leadership role in the program	60%
I was encouraged to participate in all programs	100%
I connect well with my peers	100%
Overall, I would tell friends to join the program	100%

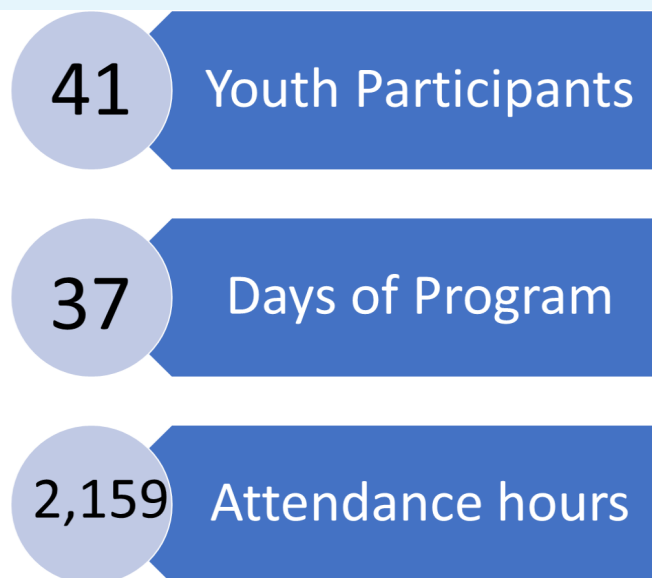
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YC ThinkSpace

Starting in September, we launched the YC ThinkSpace with 49 students registered.

We realized quickly that the program would require significant support and supervision from YC staff and keeping students on-track was challenging. Families appreciated sending their students to the program and students were able to positively connect with YC staff and interns.

After running the program for three months, we decided to discontinue it. Starting in January, we re-launched ThinkSpace as a half-day program at Heritage Middle School.



Youth Leadership Program (YLP)



YLP in-person and virtual programming varied widely over the past five months. During September and October, the majority of programming was in-person and outdoors. YLP staff utilized local parks and the outdoor space to run programming. As weather got colder, we moved indoors and virtual.

We provided students with many volunteer opportunities including partnering with the American Medical Association and Berwyn 2nd and 6th ward alderman for community cleanups, assembly and distribution of 200 teacher thank you cards, and 200 1st Responder thank you cards. and helping out with other community give-away events.

Finally, we hosted recreational outings as a way to help teens connect to each other and to adults, including a pumpkin carving contest, a Halloween Party, and Game day at Sunshine Park.

Student Survey (20 responses)

YLP has helped me become more confident in myself	95%
YLP helped me feel more positive about my future	95%
YLP has helped me learn more about my strengths and weaknesses	100%
The adults who lead the program really care about me	100%
I trust the adults who work with the program	100%
YLP taught me how to express myself better	95%
YLP gave me opportunities to experience new things	100%
YLP allowed me to help improve conditions in my community	100%
I would recommend other youth to join the YLP	95%
YLP staff have supported me and my family through COVID	100%