Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen
7 years old
2020-2021

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ACCEPTED Name of Your Organization: The Advocacy Project
Deena Ismail

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Harlem Youth Gardener Program – Youth Education and Career Building During the Ongoing Pandemic
Brad Taylor

ACCEPTED Name of Your Organization: Friends of Manhattan Park for Overview of the Project – Please provide a brief description...

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REMOTE EQUITY

HELP US DECIDE HOW TO SPEND $100K

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The Civic Engagement Committee (CEC) is seeking a participatory budgeting process designed by youth, for youth. In partnership with the City of Syracuse, the CEC aims to engage and empower young people to decide how to spend $100k of city budget proposals designed by youth. Funding is proposed for community-based youth development activities, affordable housing, support services, and strengthened youth engagement across the city.
Purpose, Outcomes, Process

Process (10 minutes)

- Darlene - Story of You (2 minutes)
  - Challenge
  - Choice Made in Hope
  - Outcome
- Darlene - What happened (4 minutes)
  - Who was involved
  - What the timeline was
  - What were the results
- Francesco - Story of Us (1 minutes)
  - Challenge
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- Francesco - Story of Now (1 minute)
  - Challenge
  - Choice Made in Hope
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THREAD = VALUE
Purpose, Outcomes, Process

Purpose:

- Inspire audience to start their own processes that
  - increase civic engagement
  - build democracy within their own spaces
  - are youth-led and youth designed

Outcomes:

Participants will learn:

- How we designed around COVID
- Who was involved
- What the timeline was
- What were the results
- How people felt about the process
Serving in Homeless Kitchens Alongside My Mom

- In conversations with my mother, we talked about why we did this—to make others feel seen and heard.
- Getting to know the people we served over time, it hurt more and more to see them in the states they were (Andrew’s laugh, women with a baby on her hip and all she owned on the other), BUT
- Continuing to
- This is one of the most important parts of being alive—hearts touching and souls recognizing each other—it forge family
- From this I learned the power of the collective, believing that together we can all paint the world in the shades we dream of if we stand together
- However, as I grew older this sentiment grew deeper, but I became distinctly aware of how far this ideal was from reality.

- As we’ve seen over the last two years, our world is subject to chaos and in that chaos humanity often drifts further apart—captivated by our personal perils.
- Inspired by my childhood faith in the power of “we”, I began working in Participatory Budgeting—leading community meetings in neighborhoods where community members decided how to spend 1 million dollars on community projects across their district.
- I remember the excitement, the shuffling of papers, uncapped markers, and the overwhelming, palpable belief in the power of the collective =.
In a world where we shifted to a virtual space and are separated for the foreseeable future, I was faced with the devastating question of having to relinquish the power of the collective. The citywide PB cycle was canceled already. Alongside my peers, we saw an opportunity to instead streamline the power of the collective, -It’s Our Money- heading young people as the piloters of a process that provided $100,000 for community projects that served communities.

Beyond becoming civically engaged and active members of the community, we were happy to see they too began to believe a little more in the power of the collective, looking towards each other to rebuild the broken parts of our world. 1 or 2 quotes from participants. Start explaining process that made this feelings possible aka “What happened