

Organization: The Hunger Coalition

Project Title: Bloom Youth Project

Grant Amount: \$35,000

Objectives & Outcomes:

- 75% of paid youth interns will reach their resiliency goal. Interns create goals related to money management, communication, service, agriculture, and personal development, and work with staff to achieve said goals. **85% of BYP Interns completed their resiliency goals.**
- Interns will run at least 3 weekly discounted mobile markets in targeted locations throughout the community. **Interns ran three (3) weekly markets and added two (2) pop-up markets to their list.**
- Interns will plan, prepare, and share a minimum of 2 group meals per week throughout the duration of the program. **Interns prepared at least three (3) group meals per week and, until COVID-19 hit, were continuing to connect over good meals through monthly alumni dinners.**
- The Hunger Coalition staff and community partners will facilitate 16 life skills workshops to all paid youth interns. **Interns participated in 19 life skills workshops including money management, goal setting, cooking and nutrition, healthy communication, interviewing, mindfulness practices and mental health support.**

Impact:

Priscilla came to us as an 8th grader who was introverted and bullied at school. She heard that in high school the older kids would taunt incoming freshman, which intimidated Priscilla. Her favorite part of Bloom Youth Project was the friendships she made that gave her the confidence she needed to enter high school. She remembers the first day of the project when she met her fellow interns and they put the plastic covering on the greenhouse. Priscilla said, “We actually had to communicate with each other and here’s little me like, ‘umm I don’t know if I can speak to anyone’ but I had to ask them to pass me things and we had to make sure the plastic didn’t rip. Soon after I developed friendships and I still talk to them today.” She since transitioned into an internship position with The Advocates and continues to seek meaningful work.



The team of interns ran three mobile markets weekly in Carey, Balmoral, & Summit Apartments.

Budget:

Expenses	Budget	Actuals
Regular Staff Salaries	\$1,200	\$42,832.68
Paid Intern Salaries	\$30,000	\$22,789.99
Youth Intern Food (lunches)	\$2,800	\$3,210.05
Supplies	\$1,000	\$2,437.87
TOTAL	\$35,000	\$71,270.59



Paola boldly tackles the broadfork at Bloom Farm.

