



**2022 Award Youth Nomination  
Form  
National Philanthropy Day in Colorado**

**\*Please see Nomination Instructions ([afpcc.org](http://afpcc.org)) for information on completing and submitting nominations**

**Nominee Information**

**Nominee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*First*

*Last*

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**Montrose High School Interact Club**

**600 S Selig Avenue**

*Street Address*

*Apt./Unit #*

**Montrose**

**CO**

**81401**

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

Outstanding Youth (18 and under) (Age at nomination date \_\_\_\_\_) ☒

Outstanding Youth Group (18 and under)

## Nominator Information

### Submitted/Nominated By:

Name:

*First*

*Last*

**Black Canyon Rotary Club**

**1544 Oxbow Drive**

**Suite 101**

*Street Address*

*Apt/Unit #*

**Montrose**

**CO**

**81401**

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

**Guest Speaker at meetings**

Organization:

Address:

Primary Phone:

Relationship to Nominee:

How did you hear about us?

**Referred from a local teacher**

If your nominee is not selected, would you like them to be notified that they were nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If your nominee is selected, can we share a copy of the nomination with them? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### **Refer to the Nomination Instructions for Complete Directions**

Please remember:

- Each nomination must include:
  1. Nomination Form
  2. Nomination narrative
  3. One or Two letters of support (additional letters will not be accepted)
- **Youth categories** nomination deadline is **Monday, June 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM (MST)**

## **Montrose High School Interact Club – Outstanding Youth Nomination**

### **1. What are the nominee's specific achievements?**

The Montrose High School Interact Club was formed in 2019 and is a high school version of a Rotary Club. The MHS Interact Club students successfully started fundraising and supporting local and international projects right away. There are five local elementary schools and an Early Childhood School in Montrose that had the desire to add some outdoor learning spaces to their campuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through fundraising and matching grants from other organizations, the Interact Club was able to make that happen. They raised \$30,000 to purchase and install shade structures at all six of those schools.

In addition, the Montrose High School (MHS) Interact Club successfully planned a mud run called the Montrose Mudder that had over 200 participants in the first year of the event. They worked closely with the City of Montrose to plan the fundraiser and they plan to continue this event in the years to come. The event raised over \$10,000 the first year of the event which is a huge accomplishment for any local non-profit, especially a high school run one. The funds from the mud run were donated to the Montrose High School Special Needs Students' greenhouse project and to CASA.

### **2. What impact has the nominee had on the community through financial contributions and/or volunteerism?**

The Montrose High School Interact Club has raised over \$45,000 since they became a club. This year, they awarded \$2,500 to our local CASA (Court Appointed Child Advocate) program for their Youth Services Program. This program serves youth aged 14-21 who are or have been in the foster care system, have been neglected or abused, or just need support as they move into

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adulthood. During the last year, they have also purchased and installed six outdoor shade structures to local schools.

### **3. What leadership qualities does the nominee possess that promote philanthropy and/or volunteerism?**

The most recent fundraiser that the Interact Club has participated in was the Montrose Mudder that took place in May 2022. The club came up with the idea for the fundraiser and quickly got the City of Montrose involved to help them organize a community wide fundraiser. The students worked closely with several different city employees during the planning of the event. Having the students take the lead on all of the communication really highlighted their leadership qualities. They had to communicate affectively with City of Montrose employees and with each other.

### **4. How does the nominee adopt a spirit of inclusion?**

The Montrose High School Interact Club is open to any MHS student that wants to join and be involved in numerous community service projects and leadership development. They have also participated in school wide social activities where they participated in team buildings games and competed against other organizations.

With their donation of funds to the Special Needs Students' Greenhouse project, the Interact Club will also participate in the building of the greenhouse with the students. This will help bring together different school groups to collaborate on a meaningful project.



6/7/2022

Dear Award Review  
Committee:  
CITY OF MONTROSE  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



William E. Bell, City Manager  
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Please consider this letter of support for the Montrose High School Rotary Interact Club to receive a Colorado Philanthropy Award. My name is Bill Bell and I am the City Manager for the City of Montrose, Colorado. We recently partnered with our Interact Club to create and organize the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Montrose Mudder Mud Run Event which took place on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Interact Club created the concept of hosting an annual event that brought hundreds of outdoor recreation and adventure sports enthusiasts together to raise money for CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's tiny home project that helps young adults recently released from the foster care program get into their first rental home, providing safety and security to them while they enter the workforce and jump into adulthood. Their event also raised money to assist the Montrose High School Special Needs Students' greenhouse project and other local service projects throughout the year. In total, the Montrose High School Rotary Interact Club raised over \$10,000 through this 1<sup>st</sup> Annual event.

I was very impressed with the drive and initiative shown by the Interact club members throughout the project. The students not only created the concept for this awesome event...they also designed the mud run's obstacle course and race route, helped our City public works crews to build the obstacle course, created marketing and promotional materials for the event, established and maintained a project budget, and solicited corporate donations and sponsorships to support their efforts.

I am so proud of our Montrose High School Rotary Interact students and I hope you find their efforts to be as impressive as I do. I believe they have definitely earned some recognition for their amazing accomplishments and they exemplify what this award is all about. Sincerely,

William E. Bell, MPA

City Manager

