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**Organization Legal Name:**

A Step Ahead Foundation, Inc.

**Grant Admin Name:**

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**Application / Project Name:**

A Step Ahead Foundation Youth Council - 225107

**In keeping with the grant requirement, does your organization have an updated, reviewed WHEREtoGIVEmidsouth profile?**

Yes

**To date, what is the amount of GiVE 365 grant funds used?**

\$145.00

**What progress has been made to date in reaching the goals set forward for the above referenced grant? If applicable, include the number of people served and any relevant outcomes.**

We have held three general meetings since our last report. Our first meeting was very productive and members discussed what they want to get out of Youth Council (see attached photo). Shira Grant, Development Associate, conducted a mini-volunteer training and our Girl Talk Coordinator, Audrey McGhee, spoke about A Step Ahead's work with teenagers. Every member filled out a goal-setting worksheet to keep with them so that we can periodically check in with them to see how they are progressing. Members were given a challenge to place a tear-off flyer somewhere before the next meeting.

Our next meeting took place in October. Everyone brainstormed to come up with ten reasons someone might not use a condom. Once the list was made, we went through each reason and came up with activities we could do to combat those myths/attitudes (see attached photo). After this, members stuffed cups for our annual fundraiser, Hocus Pocus. They really enjoyed this. As a result, we will attempt to have a volunteer activity at each meeting.



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Our December 9 meeting was very successful. Every year, A Step Ahead delivers homemade cookies to clinic and community partners as a 'thank you'. After telling members more about these partners and brainstorming what other agencies we might partner with, we packed 48 cookie boxes. Members also created cards to go with the cookies (see attached photos). This was a huge help to our staff as it is a time-intensive endeavor.

**Have there been any unexpected roadblocks or challenges? If so, what adjustments have you made to the scope of work and/or timeline?**

After speaking to the members, it was decided that Sunday afternoons are the best times for the Council to meet. Future meetings will be held every 6-8 weeks on a Sunday at 2pm.

**Please note any important changes to board membership or key staff that could affect this project.**

Kellie Mitchell, who was leading this project, is no longer at A Step Ahead Foundation. Kirsten Carter, a recent graduate of the University of Memphis, will now assume the lead for Youth Council. She has been with us for over a year and is well-positioned for this role as she has been involved with every step of Youth Council planning and implementation.

**Are there any upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, wish list items, or organizational milestones you would like to share with GiVE 365 members?**

Our next meeting is scheduled for early February 2019. We plan to group brainstorm regarding parent-child communication. We will also review the 'How to talk about birth control' worksheet distributed at our first meeting. These activities will lay the groundwork for development of the parent toolkit. We are very grateful to Community Foundation and Give365 for this opportunity.

**REMINDER: Please provide any articles or other media notices about this grant by uploading it in the Application Uploads table once you have submitted this report or paste in any relevant URLs to media coverage below.**

**Full Name of Executive Director or Authorized Signer:**

Nikki Gibbs

**Date:**

2/1/2018



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