



# 2025 Summer Internship Celebration

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*PaY*

Philanthropy and Youth

# PaY



PaY is modeled after Youth in Philanthropy (YiP), an initiative of The Winnipeg Foundation, and each year we build upon this partnership with new initiatives of our own. In its 18th year, 20 area high schools received \$6,000 to use for grantmaking in the community—totaling 130 grants to 84 organizations.

Run as an extracurricular activity in schools, student-led committees first identify areas of focus, then research community nonprofits and visit organizations before deciding how to award the grant funds.

The vision for PaY is to inspire, lead, and share. In addition to grantmaking, participating schools explore this vision through their own special projects.

***"Our goal is to help you reach your goals."***

***- B. John Barry***



Annual Redhawks  
Forward Event  
June 13th



Launched in 2013, Philanthropy: Forward is a unique opportunity for PaY Alumni to join a community of adults passionate about making a difference in their collegiate and professional careers. Forward members participate with peers in a variety of programs and experiences through The Barry Foundation.

Throughout the year, Forward hosts educational and social events to reconnect with fellow PaY Alumni; scholarship opportunities are available for those who participate in these activities.

# PaY Summer Internship Program

In 2009, The Barry Foundation established the PaY Summer Internship Program, designed to build on the nonprofit experience students receive in Philanthropy and Youth (PaY). Through these internships, students gain meaningful summer employment and learn about all facets of a nonprofit's operations while the local organizations gain capacity.

PaY Summer Internship grants are provided through a competitive process to nonprofit organizations in the Fargo-Moorhead and Minnesota lakes regions. Each recipient organization is matched with a PaY student who is hired to work on a special project designed by the organization. Throughout the summer, mentoring guidance is provided to the student by both the host organizations and The Barry Foundation.

Starting in 2010, community partners have furthered the growth of the PaY Internship Program by providing funding for additional internship grants. This has increased the capacity of the program and made a direct impact on our community.

Paused between 2020-2022, the Foundation relaunched this impactful program in the summer of 2023.

## PaY Leadership Day

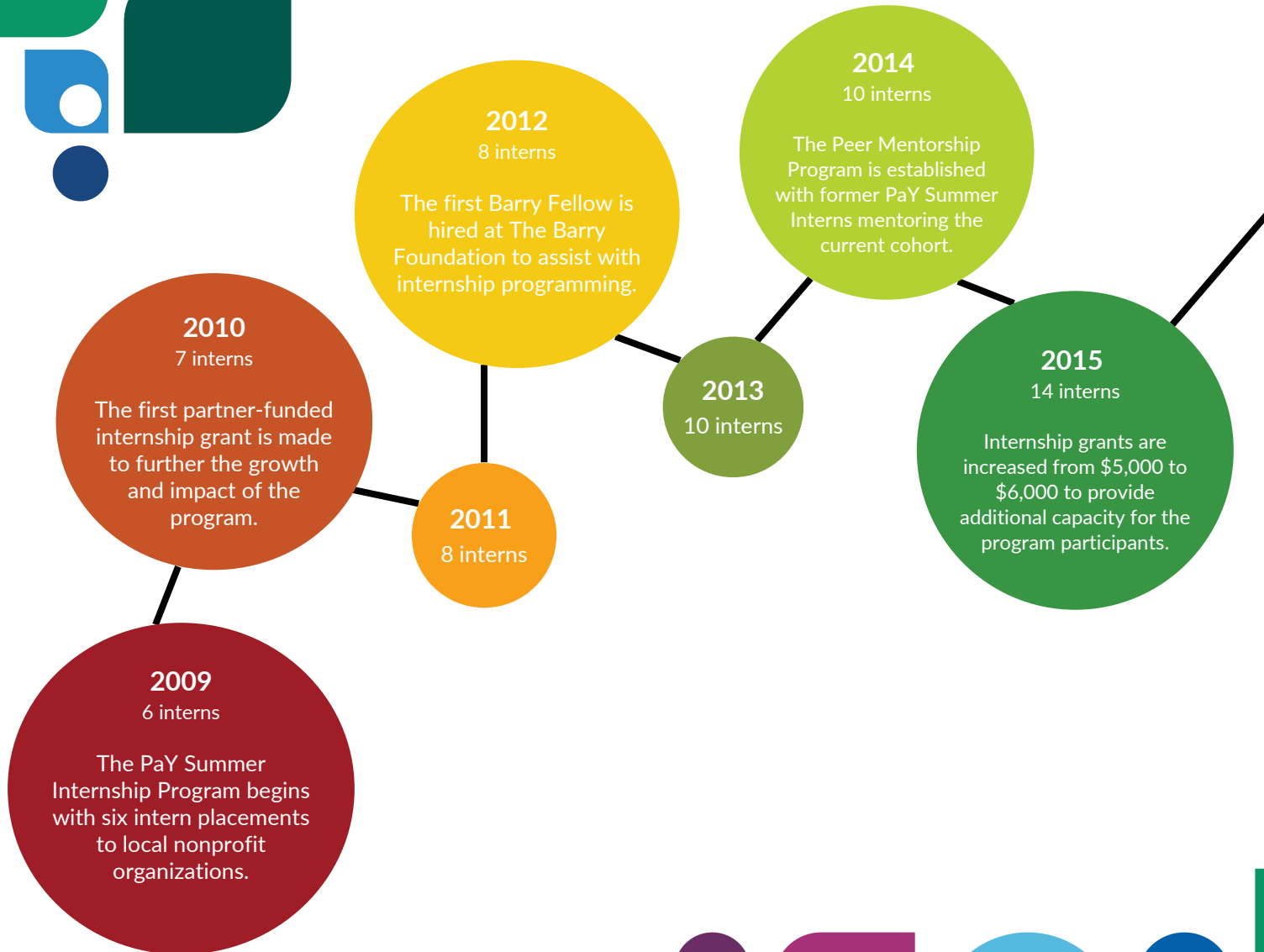
On July 10th, PaY Summer Interns, Mentors, and Core Team members traveled to the MN Lakes area and Castaway Club on Pelican Lake for a day of leadership development and relationship building.



PaY Summer Internship  
Program 2025



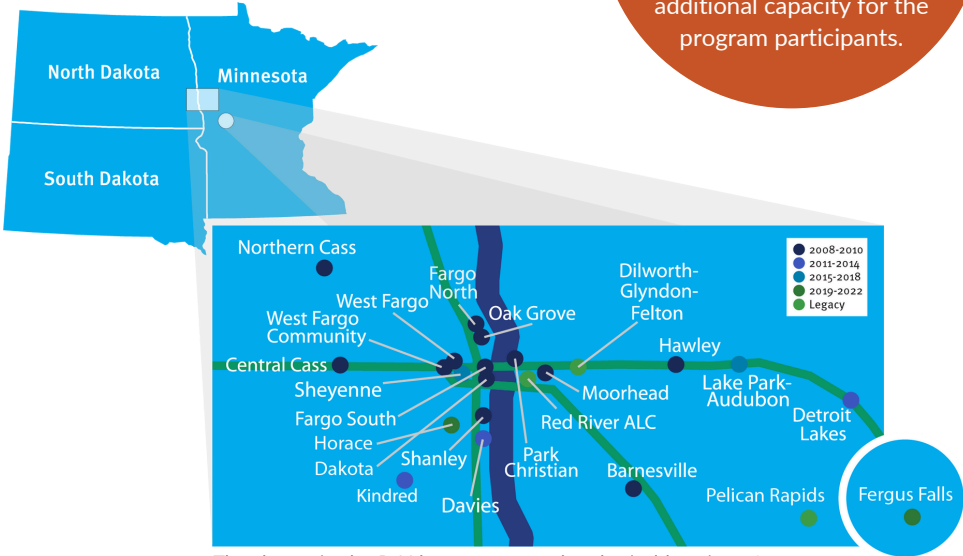
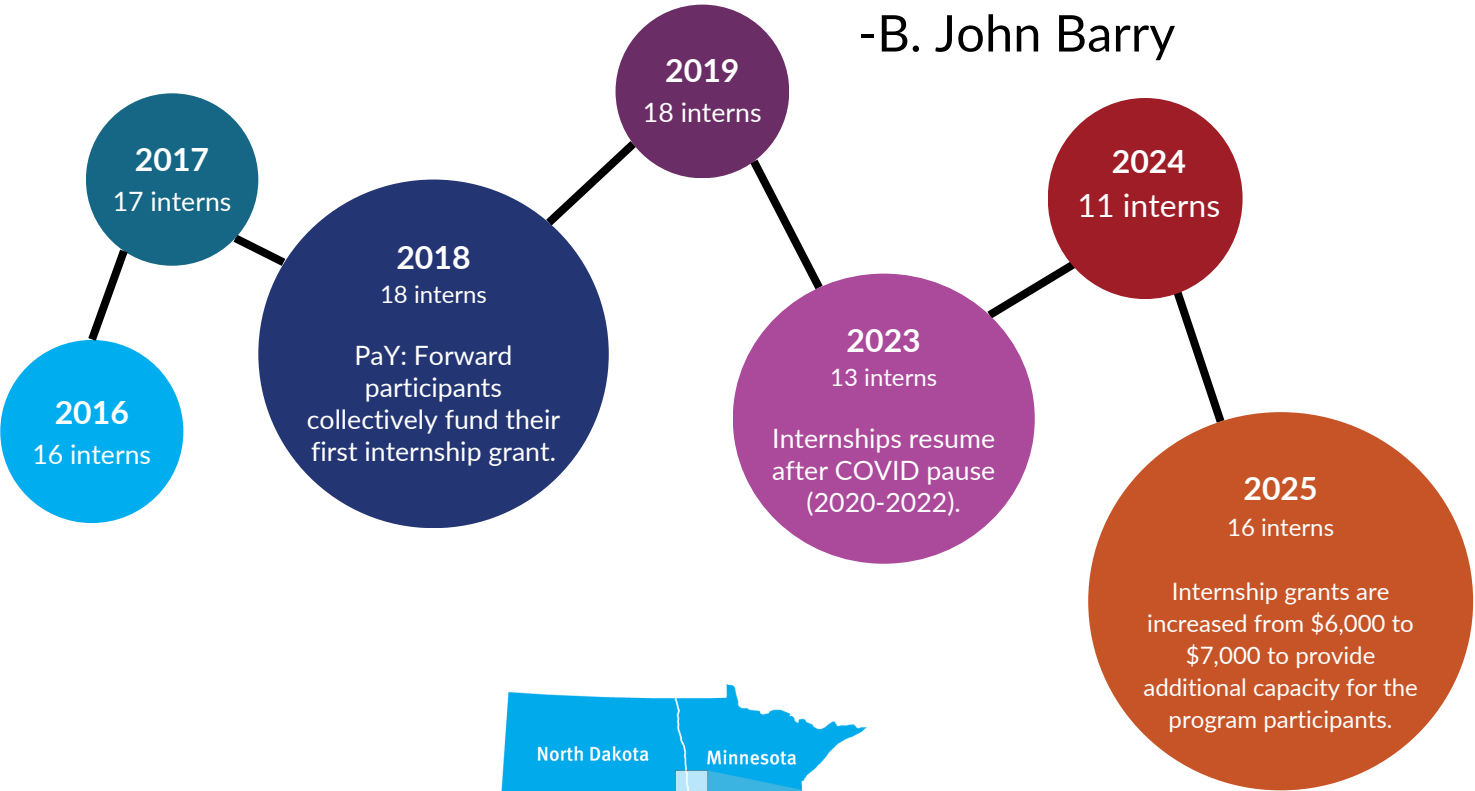
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*"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."*

-B. John Barry



The shapes in the PaY logo represent the physical location of our partner schools along the Red River Valley. Rural and urban, North Dakota and Minnesota, public, private, and community, the PaY program is designed to meet each growing philanthropist wherever they start their journey. This map shows the starting year and history of our participating high schools.

# Carissa Asheim

Dakota Boys  
and  
Girls Ranch

Years in PaY: 2 | High School: Sheyenne '26

Carissa Asheim will return to Sheyenne High School for her senior year this fall. At Sheyenne, Carissa is an active member of several school organizations, including DECA, HOSA, National Honor Society, and PaY. After high school, she plans to pursue a degree in business management. In her free time, Carissa enjoys spending time with friends, watching Netflix, shopping, skiing, working on DECA projects, and volunteering in her community.

Carissa created a Back to School Pop-Up Shop using a variety of marketing and sales strategies, benefiting the organization as well as shoppers. She also helped to curate products and promote the event, which will happen on August 17th.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has the Mission to help at-risk children and their families succeed.

*"It has been truly amazing having Carissa as an intern with Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Thrift Stores. Her strengths—arranger, strategic, and individualization—shined through in everything she did, bringing a fresh perspective and helping us grow our social media and e-commerce efforts in ways we never expected. We have also loved getting to know the other interns and mentors; learning about so many impactful nonprofits in our community has been both a joy and an inspiration. Carissa's thoughtful approach and heart for the Ranch mission have left a lasting impression on all of us."*

*-Sashka Curic (pictured left) and Ariel Borgen, Marketing and E-Commerce*



*"The summer I spent at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is one I will never forget. I loved gaining insight into how a nonprofit can expand its impact through e-commerce and media. Getting to know so many intelligent people who share similar values is truly special, which is why the connections I have made and the memories I have created are things I will always cherish."*

*-Carissa Asheim, PaY Intern*

"This has been such a fun and outgoing cohort, always making sure to include everyone. I experienced so many things that I wouldn't have had the chance to if I didn't apply for the Internship."

-Annika Hanson, PaY Intern



Years in PaY: 2 | High School: Hawley '26

Annika Hanson will return to Hawley High School this fall to complete her senior year, where she is a part of PaY, the Dance Team, and track. In her free time, Annika enjoys working out, spending time at the lake, and being a lifeguard at the Hawley pool.

Annika's special project was to create day camps for local youth groups so that they could enjoy and utilize Detroit Mountain's outdoor spaces. Her efforts provided engaging, nature-based experiences for the community's young people.

Detroit Mountain Recreation Area works to promote sound environmental recreation and educational programming.

*"With this being my first summer as a mentor, Annika and I were able to learn and grow through the experience together. Her work not only reflected creativity and flexibility, but also aligned closely with Detroit Mountain's mission to connect people with the outdoors through engaging and educational experiences."* -Mandy Sharp (center), Guest Services Manager

Detroit  
Mountain  
Recreation  
Area

# Annika Hanson

# Alyssa Fowler

Fargo-Moorhead  
Science Museum

Years in PaY: 1 | High School: Fargo South '26

Alyssa Fowler will be a senior at Fargo South High School, where she is an active member of PaY, Math Club, Book Club, and the Girls' Soccer Team. After high school, Alyssa hopes to obtain a science-based PhD.

Alyssa's Special Project focused on enhancing visitor and partner engagement through surveys, take-home science handouts, and a hands-on chemistry activity for outreach events. She also developed an activity menu aligned with ND Science Content Standards and supported community outreach efforts that further the museum's mission.

The Fargo-Moorhead Science Museum works to make science accessible and ignite the curiosity in all of us.

*"Mentoring has been a meaningful experience that pushed me to grow professionally and use my strengths more intentionally. I've learned so much alongside Alyssa and am excited to see where her path leads next."*

*-Kayla Adamek (right),  
Outreach Coordinator*



*"I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work with FMSM. Kayla and Jessie were incredible mentors—supportive, encouraging, and always valuing my ideas while giving me space to learn and grow. Everyone at FMSM is deeply passionate about breaking barriers in STEM to ignite curiosity in all of us. Being able to combine my love for science, education, and creativity in meaningful, hands-on ways was truly a dream come true. This experience has given me so much, and I will cherish these memories forever."*

*- Alyssa Folwer, PaY Intern*

"My time at Folkways has been pivotal for my understanding of the nonprofit world, personal development, and, most importantly, understanding the significant impact Folkways has on the community. Being part of a larger project while surrounded by so many passionate and hardworking teammates is an experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

-Vivian Tinjum, PaY Intern



Years in PaY: 1 | High School: Fargo South '26

Vivian will be a senior at Fargo South High School where she is involved in a variety of activities such as Key Club, PaY, Math Club, Book Club, and the volleyball team. After high school, she plans to pursue a degree in Chemistry. Outside of school, Vivian has a special interest in art.

Vivian led the promotion of the SNAP Double Bucks Program through a range of outreach efforts and marketing materials. Her work helped increase awareness of the program at the Red River Market.

Folkways & the Red River Market create events and spaces designed to combat loneliness and isolation.

*"Having Vivian as our PaY intern was an absolute joy! She brought a calm, capable energy and a quiet confidence to everything she has been tasked with.*

*Thoughtful and impressively self-motivated, she exceeded expectations with her attention to detail and willingness to jump in wherever needed. Watching her grow and take initiative throughout her time with us was incredibly rewarding."*

*-Tori Schmidt, Event Manager*

Folkways &  
Red River  
Market

# Vivian Tinjum

# Addie Bogenreif

Fraser, Ltd.

*"It's been such a joy mentoring through the PaY summer internship program! Seeing our intern, Addie, step into the world of nonprofit marketing and use her voice to tell meaningful stories has been nothing short of inspiring."*  
-Sarah Steckler, Marketing Associate



Years in PaY: 2 | High School: Shanley '26

Addie Bogenreif will be a senior at Shanley High School this fall. She is actively involved in volleyball, service club, prom committee, DECA, and Shanley TV. Outside of school, Addie plays club volleyball, coaches youth volleyball, and works at Moxie Java. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors and spending time with friends and family.

Addie helped to create a marketing campaign called "The Moment Inclusion Breaks." The campaign highlights the importance of inclusion, the impact of exclusion on individuals, and how Fraser's services are designed to meet diverse needs across the community.

Fraser's mission is to support people on their journey to independence.

*"My favorite part about the internship program is meeting such amazing mentors and interns. Everyone is so kind and welcoming, while also extremely hard working and dedicated to their craft."*  
-Addie Bogenreif, PaY Intern

"The PaY Summer Internship has been an incredible experience. I was able to learn so many new things, and I have gotten to be apart of so many amazing things. I encouraged my positive work attitude by saying yes more often, which led to more experiences and improvement on my relationship building skills overall. This internship has been better than I could have ever imagined and I have grown in so many ways."  
-Hannah Pilon, PaY Intern



*"Mentoring during the PaY Summer Internship is an inspiring experience. Watching the interns grow in confidence, ask thoughtful questions, and engage deeply with the nonprofit sector reminded me why this work matters. Connecting with a cohort of others who are equally passionate about strengthening our communities made the experience all the more meaningful."*  
-Darby Njos, Communications Manager

Years in PaY: 4 | High School: Central Cass '24  
College: Mayville State University

Hannah is returning to Mayville State for her second year to continue her studies in Elementary and Special Education.

Hannah researched and created articles and an action calendar for Hunger Action Month. She also developed a toolkit to help schools engage with the Great Plains Food Bank and access its programs.

Great Plains Food Bank's mission is to end hunger through community partnerships.

Great Plains  
Food Bank

Hannah Pilon



# Sonja Rutten

## Harvest Hope Farm

*"Having Sonja lead the pollinator garden seed collection project has been a dream come true as we have longed to have this project started for many years. Sonja has cultivated a spirit of learning in and around the pollinator garden for children of all ages - from teaching our youngest 3-year old campers about why bees and butterflies are important to working with our farm camp kids and their families to build hummingbird feeders and mason bee houses. Soon, her project will come full circle with seeds being collected into the fall for distribution throughout the community. Having Sonja at Harvest Hope Farm this summer has been a blessing in so many ways and we look forward to watching the garden expand throughout the community in years to come."*

-Lynn Kotrba, Executive Director

Years in PaY: 4 | High School: Fargo North '25  
College: University of Minnesota

Sonja Rutten will be attending the University of North Dakota to pursue studies in History and Communications. She enjoys spending time outside with her dog Ozvaldo, playing games, reading, and listening to music.

Sonja's project was to cultivate a wildflower distribution program. Through careful research, seed harvesting, and long-term planning, she worked to make the program both impactful and sustainable for years to come.

Harvest Hope Farm's mission is to enhance the well-being of others through hands-on farm experiences and education.



*"This internship has been very fun and I have grown a lot in the time I have been here. I have been able to see how a farm and nonprofit operate and how the children that come for camps are able to explore it. The animals, forest, and garden all teach me everyday."*

-Sonja Rutten, PaY Intern

"I am beyond grateful for my experience as an intern at HERO. This opportunity allowed me to learn about the professional setting of a workplace, and the ins and outs of how a nonprofit is able to serve the community effectively. I will carry the things I learned from this experience with me throughout my future career!"

-Anna Jablon, PaY Intern



Years in PaY: 1 | High School: Fargo South High '26

Anna Jablon will return to Fargo South High School to complete her senior year. Outside of school, Anna is active in her dance studio as both a dancer and instructor. After high school, Anna hopes to attend college and study within the healthcare discipline.

Anna led the refresh of a multimedia marketing effort supporting four HERO programs. From concept to execution, she brought new energy and visibility to the organization's campaigns, helping to elevate the reach and impact of each initiative.

HERO's mission is to provide access to affordable healthcare equipment and supplies.

*"Truly, Anna has been delightful to work with at HERO. She has shown a genuine interest in understanding our mission of assisting individuals with medical equipment and supplies, which has been evident in her dedicated approach. Anna consistently completes her projects with ease, demonstrating both competence and efficiency. Her eagerness to learn new skills and knowledge has made her a valuable member of our team, and we appreciate her positive attitude and commitment to our cause."*

-Tonya Sirleaf, Executive Director

Healthcare  
Equipment  
Recycling  
Organization  
(HERO)

Anna Jablon

# Lauren Holstad

HIA Health

Years in PaY: 4 | High School: Oak Grove '25  
College: University of St. Thomas

Lauren Holstad will attend the University of St. Thomas to study Business and Finance. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends, traveling, going to the lake, and surfing.

Lauren worked on designing environmental elements for the newly opened Heather's House, North Dakota's first freestanding inpatient hospice facility. She created a detailed grid map to help individuals—both inside and outside the organization—navigate and understand the space.

HIA Health's mission is to provide comfort and care through life's journey, focusing on enhancing the quality of life for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

*"The PaY program has been a success beyond the obvious benefit of our intern's project. With Lauren, we have gained another advocate for our nonprofit and a valued colleague. The program has helped us to enhance leadership skills amongst our team of co-mentors who have worked alongside Lauren. This experience has been a blessing for our team, and we are confident it will help Lauren to one day be a leader in her chosen field. We know it is meant to be a learning experience for Lauren, but we, too, learned from her as well. We are grateful for her and the PaY program for the time she spent with us and our organization."*

*-Michael Meyer, Director of Philanthropy, and Meghanne Widmer, Annual Giving Officer (pictured on both ends)*



*"The PaY Summer Internship program has truly been an amazing experience. I have been able to be a part of so many incredible opportunities with HIA and they have taught me so many amazing things. This internship has impacted me in ways I did not think were possible, and I have been changed both personally and professionally."*

*-Lauren Holstad, PaY Intern*

"I was given a chance that not everyone gets, the opportunity to dive into the nonprofit world. The Jeremiah Program staff welcomed me with open arms and have pushed me to grow professionally and personally. I will forever remember this experience and how it has shaped me for the better."

-Ava Gulleeson, PaY Intern



Years in PaY: 3 | High School: Central Cass '25  
College: North Dakota State University

Ava will attend NDSU this fall to study Business and Marketing. In her free time, Ava enjoys spending time with her friends and family, concerts, and traveling.

Ava developed a resource guide for families at the Jeremiah Program. She conducted in-depth research and interviews with program participants to ensure that the guide was practical, relevant, and rooted in real needs.

Jeremiah Program's mission is to disrupt the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children, two generations at a time.

*"JP has been honored to partner with The Barry Foundation to host a PaY Intern this summer. Our intern, Ava, has made a meaningful impact by enhancing our digital photo catalog and compiling a comprehensive resource list to support JP families. We're so grateful for her contributions and couldn't have asked for a better addition to our team."*

-Cas Duckworth, Operations Manager

Jeremiah  
Program

# Ava Gulleeson

# Annika Johnson

Lake Agassiz  
Habitat for  
Humanity

Years in PaY: 3 | High School: Park Christian '26

Annika Johnson will return to Park Christian this fall for her senior year, where she will continue a variety of athletics. As she looks ahead, Annika is interested in pursuing a business degree and extending her basketball career into college.

Annika's special project was to develop impact stories through input shared from Habitat for Humanity homeowners. These stories will be used to share the mission of Habitat for Humanity in future Habitat promotion.

Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity's mission is to ensure that everybody has a decent place to live.

*"Annika has made a lasting impact on our team at Habitat for Humanity, and it's been a true joy to have her with us this summer. She thoughtfully interviewed future homeowners and wrote compelling stories that will help us share the heart of our mission. Annika also supported other team projects and created a volunteer recognition board in the ReStore, which has already sparked new interest from potential volunteers. Her initiative, creativity, and positive attitude strengthened our work and our community."*

*-Brianna Gibbons, Community  
Engagement Coordinator*



*"I am super grateful that I got to be an intern at Habitat! Getting to know other interns, the Habitat staff, and the people who are directly impacted by Habitat's mission has been super rewarding! I've learned and grown in many different areas, and have loved getting to understand how a nonprofit functions, especially all the different areas of Habitat!"*

*-Annika Johnson, PaY Intern*

"My internship experience was incredible. In just the first week, I learned and experienced more than I expected to over the entire summer. I feel truly grateful to be part of this program."  
-Elsa Stigen, PaY Intern



Years in PaY: 3 | High School: Hawley '25  
College: Minnesota State University Moorhead

Elsa Stigen will begin the accelerated nursing program this fall at MSUM. While attending college, she plans to continue working at CCRI, where she has developed a deep appreciation for each individual she supports.

Elsa took on a special project to expand and organize Minnesota Flyers' social media presence. She also helped identify relevant grants and streamlined the application process to support the organization's growth.

The mission of MN Flyers Gymnastics is to provide a safe, supportive, and fun environment where fitness is both enjoyable and rewarding.

"I've enjoyed working with Elsa this summer and teaching her about our organization. She's also taught me new things as she's worked on her summer project. We're grateful for the time and talent she's brought to MN Flyers. Our staff and students have all benefited from her time with us."  
-Leesa Lindgaard, Executive Director,  
and Carissa Dahlen, Foundations and Marketing Coordinator

MN Flyers  
Gymnastics  
& Fitness

Elsa Stigen



# Grayson Mitchell

ND 4-H  
Foundation

*"It has been such a joy to host a PaY Summer Intern! Grayson has brought a light and energy to the ND 4-H Foundation that has truly changed us and left us all with a renewed sense of purpose. His project has laid the groundwork for a thriving 4-H Alumni Network and the stories he has captured will inspire many in the months to come. We are beyond grateful for Grayson and The Barry Foundation!"*

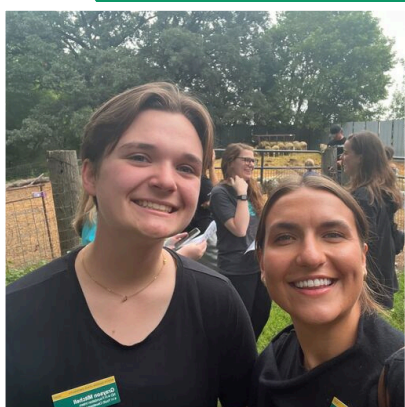
*-Chloe Drummond, Executive Director*

Years in PaY: 4 | High School: Northern Cass '25  
College: Minnesota State University Moorhead

Grayson Mitchell will attend MSUM this fall to study Political Science and Photojournalism. In his free time, Grayson enjoys painting, playing video games, listening to music, and attending sporting events—especially to photograph them.

Grayson strategized and developed a North Dakota 4-H alumni network. His goal was to build lasting connections among former members and strengthen support for future generations of 4-H youth.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation works to support the programs of North Dakota 4-H.



*"I've been a part of 4-H since I was about 9, and I've always loved being apart of the program. Working with the 4-H Foundation this summer has given me a look behind the curtain of a program I hold so closely!"*

*-Grayson Mitchell, PaY Intern*



"With the PaY Internship, I learned (more) about myself. Throughout my project this summer, I realized how many people REACH's services benefit and how I can make an impact for them."

-Matthew Pearson, PaY Intern



*"I have enjoyed being a mentor in the PaY Summer Internship program the past three summers. It is a great experience to connect with youth and learn from them as well. I also enjoy the site visits and learning about the other nonprofit organizations in our area. I would encourage students to get involved in PaY and encourage nonprofits to host an intern"*  
-Stephanie Schenck, Executive Director

Years in PaY: 4 | High School: Barnesville '25  
College: University of Minnesota Duluth

Matthew Pearson will attend the University of Minnesota Duluth this fall to study English Education and Theatre.

Matthew's special project was to develop an online customer relationship management system. This system will work to aid in the communications and organization within REACH's programs.

Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters (REACH) is a human services agency with locations in Hawley and Hendrum, Minnesota. Their mission statement is 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors Build Strong Communities and Healthy Families.' REACH provides an array of services including an emergency food pantry, two thrift stores, counseling, senior services, youth services, career services, and family support services.

Rural  
Enrichment and  
Counseling  
Headquarters  
(REACH)

# Matthew Pearson

# Greta Raum

YMCA of the  
Northern Sky -  
Fargo

*"My experience in the PaY Summer Internship program has been enlightening and educational! I have been so excited to see the level of leadership from these interns. In addition, I have learned about so many of the other not-for-profit organizations and the wonderful things they do to support the community."*

*-Lorrie Thoemke, Vice-President of School Age and Early Learning Services*

Years in PaY: 4 | High School: Fargo South '25  
College: Arizona State University

Greta Raum will attend ASU's Barrett Honors College this fall on a Pre-Medical track. In her free time, she enjoys cooking with her family, doing puzzles, reading a good book, and spending time with her dog

Greta designed new breakfast and snack menus for the YMCA of the Northern Sky's childcare sites. She worked directly with kids to create meals that reduced food waste, got more "food in bellies," and met — or exceeded — strict nutritional standards.

YMCA of the Northern Sky covers both Fargo and Fergus Falls locations. Their mission is to strengthen community by helping people of all backgrounds learn, grow, and thrive.



*"Being a PaY Summer Intern has provided me with the opportunity to grow as an individual, both personally and professionally, by learning about the YMCA of the Northern Sky's impact and mission, and helping them inspire change in the community. I am so grateful to have spent my summer surrounded by such an incredibly strong and supportive cohort of interns and mentors."*

*-Greta Raum, PaY Intern*

"It has been such an amazing experience  
interning at the YMCA! I've learned so much  
about the Y and many nonprofits in Fargo I  
hadn't heard of. This internship has been a great  
way for me to expand my knowledge about  
areas outside of my community of Fergus Falls. I  
have made so many meaningful connections and  
am incredibly grateful to have gotten this  
opportunity to grow and to help my  
community!"

-Evangeline Millard, PaY Intern



Years in PaY: 1 | High School: Fergus Falls '26

Evie will return to Kennedy Secondary School in Fergus Falls for her senior year this fall. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, playing tennis, weightlifting, and traveling. She also enjoys working at the Fergus Falls Public Library.

Evie designed a reading program for the Fergus Falls YMCA's summer camp and after-school programs. Her goal was to spark a love of reading in kids by pairing great books with fun, interactive activities.

YMCA of the Northern Sky covers both Fargo and Fergus Falls locations. Their mission is to strengthen community by helping people of all backgrounds learn, grow, and thrive.

*"As a mentor in the Philanthropy and Youth Summer Internship program, it has been incredibly rewarding to work with and support my summer intern in creating a meaningful reading program. Evie's passion, hard work, discipline, JOY, and creativity is embedded and seen in her project that both fosters a love for reading and helps bridge learning gaps. This experience has not only been inspiring, it has reaffirmed the power of mentorship in nurturing emerging leaders and making a lasting impact on our community. I am continuously impressed by Evie and so proud to see Evie's work ignite a love of learning in young readers."*

*-Stephanie Grow, Executive Director*

YMCA of the  
Northern Sky -  
Fergus Falls

Evie Millard

# PaY Internship Highlights



Interns and mentors exploring their Gallup CliftonStrengths and diving into special projects during Orientation Day at the NDSU Alumni Center and during site visits throughout the summer.







Leadership Day in action! The cohort took on Troll hunting and pushed their limits at MN Flyers.



The cohort right before taking on an Inspire.Lead.Share. project at the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch Thrift Store.





The cohort engaging in hands-on activities designed by the interns to learn more about each individual special project.





Interns and mentors fed the farm animals and experienced other fun site visit activities at Harvest Hope Farm.



Greta Raum and Evie Millard highlighting the impact of YMCA Northern Sky.





# PaY Internship Highlights



Interns and mentors gather on the patio during their site visit to Folkways and the Red River Market, capturing a moment of connection and community.



Mike Meyer from HIA Health leading a tour of the new Heather's House inpatient hospice facility.



Gaining insight into the mission and operations of Detroit Mountain Recreation Area.



# 2009-2024 Summer Internship Participants

Thank you to all of our past interns, and host organizations who have shared their time and passion to make this program a success over the past 14 years. For all who have invested their energy, attention and thoughtfulness: thank you for your inspiring work!

## 2009

Kelsey Barstad, YWCA Cass Clay  
Naomi Beauclair, ND Heart Gallery  
Emma Brandt, Great Plains Food Bank  
Luke Brodeur, Churches United for the Homeless  
Timothy Lillehaugen, Plains Art Museum  
Angie Sherman, United Way of Cass-Clay

## 2010

Bria Dimke, Rape & Abuse Crisis Center  
Christena Goedtkke, United Way of Cass-Clay  
Carly Kinzler, Dakota Medical Foundation/Impact Foundation  
Dan Larson, Churches United for the Homeless  
Austin Marts, Homewood Animal Shelter  
Nate Mattson, Sanford Health Foundation  
Angie Sherman, Fraser, Ltd.

## 2011

Hope Erickson, Fraser, Ltd.  
Anthony Hedrington, HERO  
Celeste Koppe, Young Life Castaway Club  
Alexandra Miller, Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity  
Alexandra Mohrhor, Red River Zoo  
Laura Roach, Cass County Community Theatre  
Seiko Shastri, CHARISM  
Jennifer Storm, Dorothy Day

## 2012

Andrew Carlson, SENDCAA  
Melissa Halvorson, Red River Zoo  
Steven Labine, YoungLife Castaway  
Zach Lipp, Venture Youth Alliance  
Jessica Nellermae, YWCA Cass Clay  
Erin Olson, FirstLink  
Josie Perhus, Ronald McDonald House  
Kayla Weston, CCRI

## 2013

Lexy Backer, Dress for Success (REACH)  
Kiana Dahlen, American Red Cross  
Raelle Dunn, Fargo Theatre  
Kristina Haggedal, United Way of Cass-Clay  
Katie Holleman, FM Opera  
Hayley Holte, YWCA Cass Clay  
Anjali Lal, The Arts Partnership  
Goeun Park, YoungLife Castaway  
Josie Perhus, Dakota Medical Foundation/Impact Foundation  
Grant Tosterud, River Keepers

## 2014

Bobbi Braaten, YWCA Cass Clay  
Sean Carpenter, The Arts Partnership  
McKenzy Diehl, Red River Zoo  
Taylor Hanson, Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes  
Ikran Hussein, Dress for Success (REACH)  
Sydney Jacobson, Plains Art Museum  
Abby Jirik, Detroit Lakes Community & Cultural Center  
Sulamita Pribyshchuk, YoungLife Castaway  
Akira Shastri, Outdoor Adventure Foundation  
Anna Volk, American Red Cross

## 2015

Bailey Aanenson, River Keepers  
Bobbi Braaten, Dakota Medical Foundation/Impact Foundation  
Keely Cain, YoungLife Castaway  
Ty Casey, Detroit Mountain  
Tristan Hart, YWCA Cass Clay  
Abbie Haug, YMCA of Cass & Clay Counties  
Allie Laber, TNT Fitness  
Estefancy Martinez, Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes  
Kelly Meyer, Detroit Lakes Community & Cultural Center  
Akira Shastri, Churches United for the Homeless  
Skyler Stoner, American Red Cross  
Linnea Wagner, CHARISM  
Izzy Waite, SENDCAA  
Grant Zastoupil, The Gifted Learning Project

## 2016

Libby Bahr, The Arts Partnership  
Jaime Cain, River Keepers  
Kasey Ferguson, Essential Health Regional Foundation  
Lauren Graftaas, Dress for Success (REACH)  
Ethan Ishaug, YoungLife Castaway  
Morgan Kastner, Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes  
Katy Lemar, CHARISM  
Beca Livermont, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County  
Megan MacFarlane, YMCA of Cass & Clay Counties  
Hannah Papenfuss, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota  
Hailey Sonstegard, Detroit Mountain  
Jacob Strinden, FM Area Foundation  
Gwen Toay, American Red Cross  
Lauren Wagner, Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Lauren Wander, FM Opera  
Avery Zasada, The Gifted Learning Project

## 2017

Aeyana Buchanan, River Keepers  
Chloe Drummond, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County  
Sophia Hagen, Minnesota Flyers Gymnastics  
Jacob Hanson, YoungLife Castaway  
Gurturan Johal, YWCA Cass Clay  
Christian Larson, HERO  
Katie LeGare, Dress for Success (REACH)  
Grace Moser, Emergency Food Pantry  
Grace Noack, FM Community Theatre  
Joshua Olson, Great Plains Food Bank  
Carter Ridl, The Arts Partnership  
Jacob Schweitzer, CCRI  
Jerry Sherven, Plains Art Museum  
Quincy Sime, CHARISM  
Nicholas Snell, American Red Cross  
Lauren Wagner, FirstLink  
Linka Wintersteen, FM Opera

## 2018

Erin Cain, YWCA Cass Clay  
Ross Dent, The Gifted Learning Project  
Parker Erickson, The REFUGE-Compassion House  
Mirella Grimm, Minnesota Flyers Gymnastics  
Sophia Hagen, Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes  
Tess Haugrud, The Arts Partnership  
Sarah Jensen, FirstLink

Do Yeon Kim, The Marshmallow Foundation  
Kaitlyn Kluck, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County  
Mackenzie Korbel, New American Consortium  
Sydney Lunde, Detroit Mountain  
Brianna Martin, Jeremiah Program  
Elise Martinson, Essential Health Regional Foundation  
Avyan Mejdeen, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota  
Ian Pytlik, YMCA of Cass & Clay Counties  
Abbie Sherva, River Keepers  
Kianna Snell, Plains Arts Museum  
Haidyn Stahl, Rebuilding Together Fargo- Moorhead Area Inc.

## 2019

Kayla Adamek, Plains Art Museum  
Claire Bailly, The Gifted Learning Project  
Grace Beauchamp, YMCA of Cass & Clay Counties  
Samuel Carlson, Rebuilding Together  
Ellia Dalzell, The Arts Partnership  
Ross Dent, Ronald McDonald House  
Molly Hauf, YWCA Cass Clay  
Whitney Isaacson, Historic Holmes Theatre - DLCCC  
Sarah Jensen, New American Consortium  
Elena Linster, Lake Agassiz: Habitat for Humanity  
Abbie Marschke, YoungLife Castaway  
Josie Mohror, American Red Cross  
Teegan Nordstrom, REACH  
Alena Pringle, Farm in the Dell  
Brooke Rossow, CHARISM

## 2023

Lindsey Rotz, Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes  
Abby Richman, CCRI  
Laila Kantarevic, FirstLink  
Adeline Raum, Great Plains Food Bank  
Mia Aarestad, HERO  
Jonas Wilson, Jeremiah Program  
Elizabeth Marzahl, Minnesota Flyers & Gymnastics  
Jess Schonhoff, River Keepers  
Azahna Luschen, Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Laura Krabbenhoff, Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Jagger Wraalstad, REACH  
Steven Sellin, YoungLife Castaway  
Gabrielle McGarvey, YWCA Cass Clay

## 2024

Sophie Irion, CCRI  
Jana Russiff, FirstLink  
Janelle Kalvoda, Folkways & Red River Market  
Aletta Olson, Harvest Hope Farm  
Aneesh Vegi, Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity  
Ava Sticka-Jacobs, Plains Art Museum  
Lauren Christianson, Red River Children's Advocacy Center (RRCAC)  
Helena Daggett, Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters  
Della Phillips, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation (TRPLF)  
Kimberly Hoffman, YMCA of the Northern Sky  
Jordan McLagan, YWCA



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