



SUPPORT GMA NONPROFITS



YOUTH FORUM – FEB. 9-11, 2024. YOUTH SYMPOSIUM – OCT. 4-6, 2024 MORROW

THE YOUTH FORUM AND SYMPOSIUM ARE PART OF GMA'S AND GCS'S ENGAGE: CONNECTING WITH GEORGIA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVE.

These annual GMA and Georgia City Solutions weekend events bring together an estimated 60 or more middle and high-school students and adult leaders from the thirty plus city sponsored youth councils from across the state of Georgia. Cities create youth councils as an effective way to engage with the youth in their community. By educating youth on the roles and responsibilities of cities, to teaching leadership skills, to creating youth-led service projects, cities look to youth councils to play a vital role in creating healthy communities. The Youth Forum is hosted by GMA and GCS while the Youth Symposium is hosted by a city with a youth council. At each event, attendees connect and network with other youth council members, share their youth council's accomplishments, hear and engage with presenters, participate in leadership exercises and work collaboratively in teambuilding activities.

All sponsors receive:

- Logo on event materials including programs and on-site signage
- Public recognition by GMA leadership
- Two company attendees to attend event weekend
- Brief speaking opportunity (3-5 minutes) to share how sponsors solutions and products work with cities and communities
- Standard table top for company materials including information on specific initiatives that may interest youth, such as internship and job opportunities
- Option to provide an item for event "goody bag" appropriate for middle and high-school aged youth

Sponsorship Levels

- \$2,500 Event – recognition as full event sponsor
- \$1,000 Meal – lunch (Saturday or Sunday) OR dinner (Saturday) sponsor
- \$500 Activity – extracurricular activity sponsor, examples include miniature golf, arcade, bowling, pizza party, etc.

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"Learning about the good and the bad of being a leader, how to work with others, and doing things for our community helped us gather so many new ideas. We all enjoyed the interactive activities we did while listening to the great speakers share their personal experiences and things that can help us going forward. We were able to take more than a handful of things back and discuss it with the rest of our group."

– Kiarra, Carrollton Youth Council