

Reduce your tax burden —

# while changing the life of a teenager!



Make a gift of \$1,000 or more in support of the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) and qualify for Missouri State Tax Credits.

Available on a first-come basis, Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) Tax Credits can be used to offset your taxes in the year you make the gift or over the next five years. In addition, with a gift of stock, you owe no capital gains tax on any appreciation.

### How do tax credits work?

50% of the value of your donation is taken off your state income taxes. As with most charitable donations, you may claim a federal income tax deduction. With Missouri Tax Credits, you may also take a 50% state tax credit to the limit of your taxable income. For example, each donation increment of \$1,000 could result in:

TAX BRACKET	22%	37%
Donation Amount	\$1,000	\$1,000
Federal Tax Savings	(\$110)	(\$185)
Missouri Tax Savings	(\$30)	(\$30)
Missouri Tax Credit	(\$500)	(\$500)
<b>NET OUT OF POCKET:</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$285</b>

*\*This example does not constitute tax advice. Please consult a tax professional to understand how YOP Tax Credits can affect your tax liability.*

### How do I make a gift and get YOP Tax Credits?

1. Send your contribution via cash, check, credit card, stocks or other securities to: 1001 Highlands Plaza Drive West, Suite 160, St. Louis, MO 63110.

If you prefer to donate online: [StLouisChildrens.org/Donate](http://StLouisChildrens.org/Donate), choose "Other" from the drop down gift list and type "YOP TOP" in the Other Designation box.

2. We will send you an acknowledgment letter with instructions on how to complete the accompanying tax credit application form.
3. After you have completed and returned the notarized form to us with proper documentation, you will receive a certification letter directly from the State of Missouri's Department of Economic Development with instructions on how to redeem your tax credits.

## Who is eligible?

- Individuals
- LLCs
- Partnerships
- Banks
- Corporations

## Teen Outreach Program

Our Teen Outreach Program (TOP) offers intervention and encouragement to reverse the odds for at-risk youth in our region.

Teens who drop out of school are more likely to become teen parents and live in poverty. And, socioeconomic status is the most powerful predictor of disease, disorder, injury and mortality.

St. Louis Children's Hospital recognizes that programs for youth that build on social emotional learning, boost healthy behaviors, and encourage youngsters to have a powerful vision for their future form a clear pathway to making a bigger impact on the health and wellness of our region.

TOP offers intervention and encouragement to reverse the odds for at-risk youth in our region. TOP works with more than 800 St. Louis city middle school teens each year, providing weekly group discussions and activities that include concrete instruction in how to manage emotions, take responsibility, solve problems and engage in teamwork through community service learning. TOP facilitators support teens in discovering their sense of purpose which, in turn, helps decrease rates of academic failure, dropout, school suspension and teen pregnancy for disadvantaged teens.

### Student Impact in 2022-2023:

**70% of students**  
went above and beyond,  
completing 15+ community  
service hours.

**14,456 hours**  
of community service were  
completed by TOP students in  
the 2022-2023 school year.

**Just 2.1%**  
of students enrolled in TOP reported  
a pregnancy or fathering a child.



**More than  
800** teens  
participate  
in this  
life-altering  
program  
during each  
school year.

