

The Nine Year Plan 2022-2031

Junior Youth Groups
Junior Youth Service Projects

Learning about the Bahá'í Faith

Bahá'í Class - NineYearPlan3

The Institute Process

The Institute process, the educational framework for building a new society, reaches out to all ages. For junior youth from 12 to 15 years old, learning to think for themselves and become independent, it is a special time.

Junior Youth Making Choices

Many of the characters featured in the junior youth materials confront challenges that call upon them to make moral decisions amid complex social forces. Young people who study the materials are helped to think through some of the issues involved in making moral choices.



Junior youth in India

Analysing Social Forces

The series seeks to raise in participants a consciousness of the forces at work in the world and how they act on individuals and society. They begin to consider the many forces, constructive and destructive, at work in society.

Analysing Social Forces

“Nowadays we are in the dot-com age where we find many new things coming into our hands. Mostly the junior youth follow the new fashions, their friends, and the new brands. But if you talk to the junior youth about materialism, they don’t react so fast to trends. They look at it first and think about what the benefit would be.”

— An animator of a junior youth group



Junior youth in Switzerland

Junior Youth Exerting Effort

In this world, many of the messages young people receive encourage them to follow quick and easy routes in search of satisfaction.

Junior Youth Exerting Effort

The materials try to help them realize that one must continue to make an effort despite the difficult struggles life is sure to present. Young people learn to think about their future and seek confirmation as they strive to identify their talents and apply them toward the benefit of others.

Junior Youth Exerting Effort

“...you find motivation and it gives you some vision to work for your goals and what you are supposed to be.”

— A 24-year-old animator

Junior youth in India



Junior Youth Building Unity

To contribute to a unified environment requires more than an understanding of relevant concepts. Certain skills and abilities, attitudes and qualities are also needed.

Junior Youth Building Unity

The junior youth series explores a variety of concepts related to unity building while helping to foster essential attributes. They learn to think expressly about important concepts and seek to shape some of the attitudes and qualities needed for the promotion of unity.

Junior Youth Building Unity

“My aspiration is to make this society change. If I look at society, I see that most of the junior youth have been badly ruined by social problems. So I’m trying to make these junior youth know that they can change, and they can transform the society in the future so that it can be a good society. They become so much more equipped, spiritually and intellectually. They have the ability to solve so many problems in society.”

— An animator of junior youth groups

Junior Youth in rural India

“Mainly I have learned that in our lives we need to make a choice about how we can serve—how we can become good. We need to seek out our talents. And I think I will become a teacher. I will teach children these things. I am trying to do this and am now teaching in my mother’s school.”



Junior youth in India

Junior Youth in rural India

“I learned from the books that we have to continually make an effort. If we are trying to do something and we are struggling, we should not drop it and go straight home. We should complete the task, and only then come back. I try to apply this in my studies—I continuously make an effort and keep progressing.”

Junior Youth Service Projects

Junior youth have idealism and energy to put into actions that show them the reward of altruistic acts of service to others, rather than thinking of their own selves.



Junior youth service project in India

Junior Youth

They plan and carry out projects that show them how to deal with the complexities of life with positive values while becoming active agents of social change.

Junior Youth

The junior youth experience how to direct their intellectual and spiritual powers towards service to humanity. They see for themselves the power of unity, of love, of humble service, of pure deeds.

(Ruhi book 5)

Junior Youth Projects

FUNDAEC based in Colombia has many educational activities in rural development throughout Latin America and even in Africa. For junior youth, service activities can include learning to compost organic waste to improve soil, and developing community gardens



Junior youth service project building a compost bin



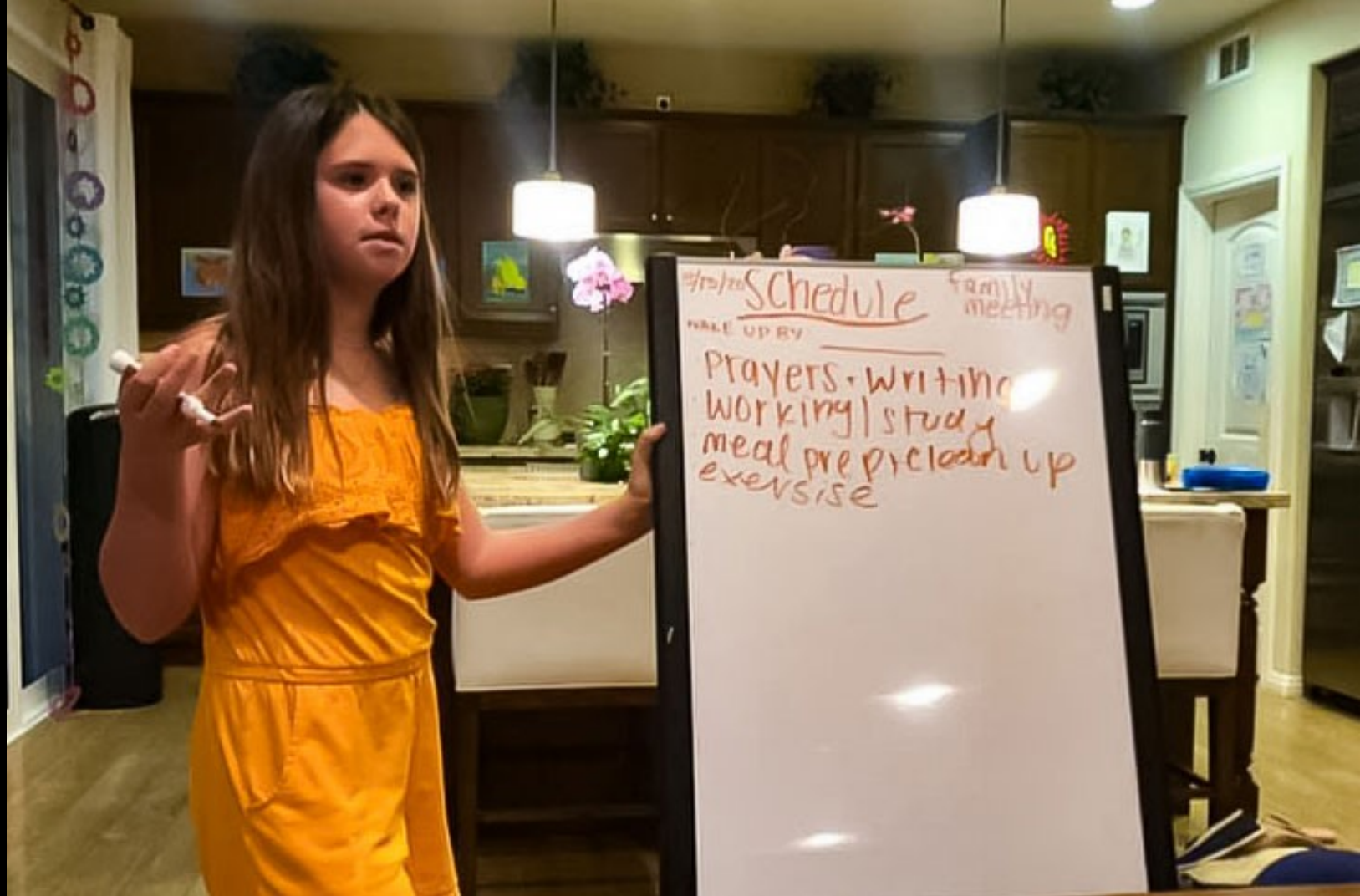
FUNDAEC service project learning community gardening

Junior Youth Projects

In USA, junior youth have many ideas for service projects, such as making masks during the pandemic, organizing youth activities, and even making signs to put on the lawns in front of their houses



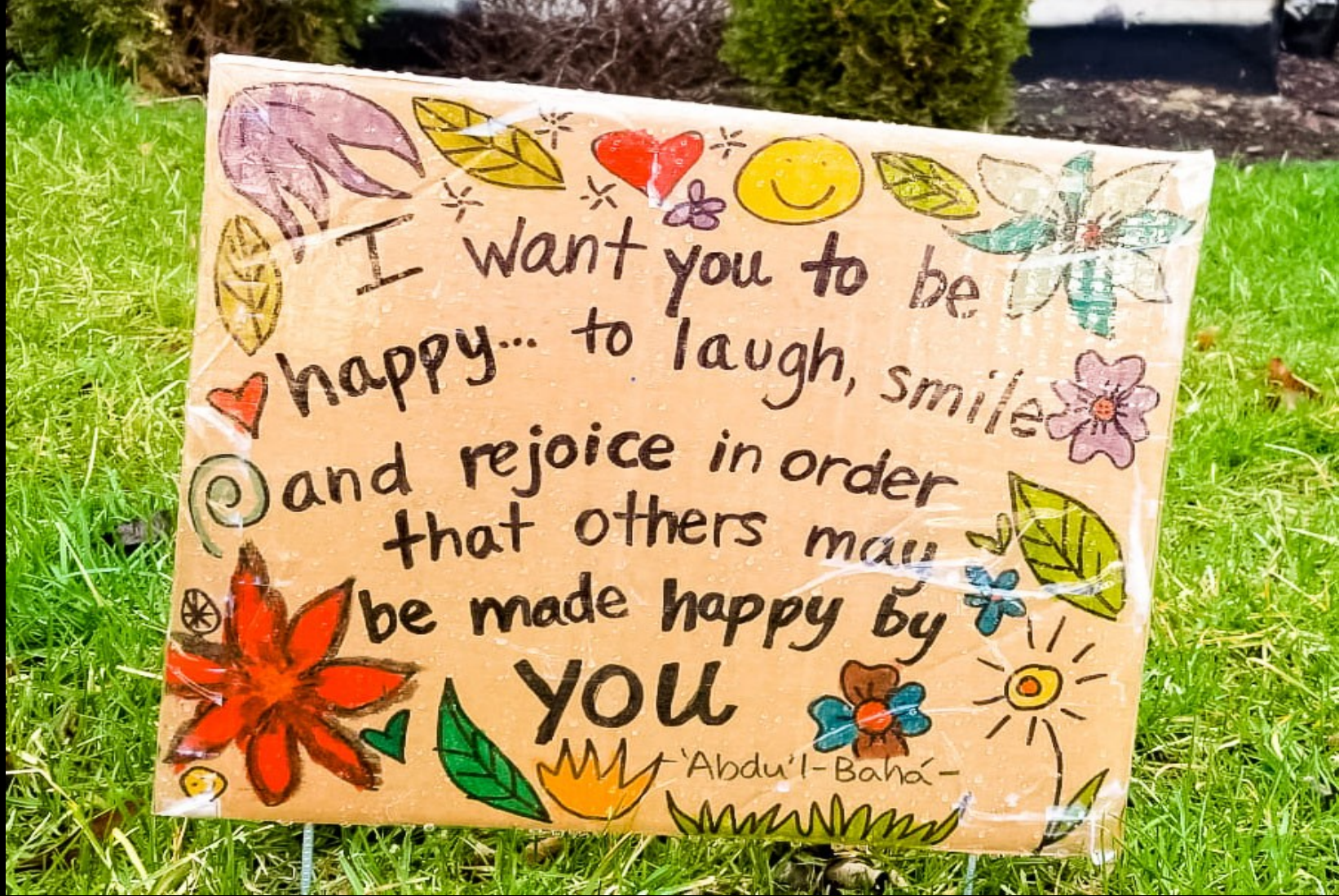
USA junior youth service project making face masks



USA junior youth service project planning an event



USA junior youth service project making signs



USA junior youth service project making signs

Junior Youth Projects

Junior youth in Brazil decided to clean up all the trash and plastic in their river, and to educate the public not to throw anything into the river



Brazil junior youth service project river cleanup



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Junior Youth Projects

In Cambodia, the junior youth decided to plant trees along a road to hold the soil and protect against erosion.

A year later there was a flood that damaged the road where there were no trees. Without the trees, the road would have washed away



Cambodia junior youth planting trees for erosion control



Cambodia junior youth planting trees for erosion control



Cambodia - even the children helped with tree planting

Cambodia

a year after the
junior youth
project

a flood washed
over the road

without the trees
planted
more road would
have washed away





Cambodia flood damage where youth had not planted trees

Junior Youth Projects

Can you think of projects to be helpful in your own community? Consult about them with the other junior youth, discuss them with your animator, present them to the community, and if there is agreement, go ahead