



CUSTOMER STORY:
Simon Youth Foundation

"We've saved weeks of processing time, a full week's pay each month, and we've added reporting confidence."

—Amy Updike,
Vice President of Finance and Administration

The mission of Simon Youth Foundation is to foster and improve educational opportunities, career development, and life skills that transform the lives of at-risk youth through focused programs and initiatives with public school and post-secondary education partners.

Business Issue

The Foundation was sharing a computer network and accounting software with another company, which did not meet the specific needs of a nonprofit organization. The time required to reconcile the books between the two organizations was time-consuming and limited the Foundation's ability to run reports. It needed one streamlined, integrated constituent database and financial application that would make work easier and give the Foundation time to focus on its mission.

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is powered by:

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Reason for Partnership

Amy selected **Raiser's Edge™** as the new constituent database and **Financial Edge™** for accounting. And after conducting an analysis of client-server software costs, the organization determined that having these solutions hosted by Blackbaud was the best option. Blackbaud Hosting Services provided a secure environment for data and remote access to the applications through a web browser, which the Foundation wanted.

Capabilities gained

Using Raiser's Edge and Financial Edge saved Amy and her staff huge amounts of time—at least twelve weeks a year. It used to take the Foundation an entire week to go through its transactions and input donations. Now it takes 30 minutes.

In addition, the Foundation has been able to gather more accurate data because information, such as pledges, is entered online and significantly reduces the risk of human error.



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Mission Impact

The new solution provided Simon Youth Foundation with a secure environment for its data, as well as remote access to the applications through a web browser, increasing productivity and lessening the environmental impact of commuting.

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