



# 2008 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Akron, Ohio



A large graphic for National &amp; Global Youth Service Day. It features a grid of icons: a purple diamond pattern, a yellow beehive, a red heart, a yellow hand, a red box with the text "National &amp; Global YOUTH SERVICE DAY", and a purple figure. Below the grid is a globe. At the bottom, there are logos for "YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA" (with a star icon) and "State Farm Companies FOUNDATION" (with "PRESENTING SPONSOR" above it and "PARADE" below it).

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Tuesday, April 22, 2008**



# City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

April 22, 2008

Dear Volunteer:

Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National & Global Youth Service Day Recognition Program.

I would like to personally congratulate you young people being honored today and thank you for your commitment of service to our community. I deem the volunteer hours you performed this past year as a testament to your compassion to others and confirm that they are most precious to the individuals serviced and are appreciated by the local organizations you have partnered with. Your philanthropic work is very encouraging to me. It reassures me that many young people in Akron and Summit County are dedicated to serving others and your contributions let me know that the future of our community is well placed in your capable hands.

The City of Akron is pleased to host the National & Global Youth Service Day with its local co-sponsors, U.S. Bank and Subway at Main and Market Streets downtown. My sincerest appreciation goes to U. S. Bank Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick for their continued support. We also recognize and thank our national partners, the United States Conference of Mayors, Youth Service America, Parade Magazine, Ford Motor Company, Disney and the 2008 presenting sponsor State Farm Companies Foundation.

The real credit goes to parents, teachers, coaches, clergy, and many others in our community who positively impact the lives of our young volunteers on a daily basis. Also, thank you for all that you have contributed to help shape this wonderful class of youth volunteers.

This year we celebrate and recognize the contributions of 50 nominees. It is my hope, as we move forward with the program, that the legacy of your contributions will encourage others of your generation to give through volunteerism.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC  
Mayor

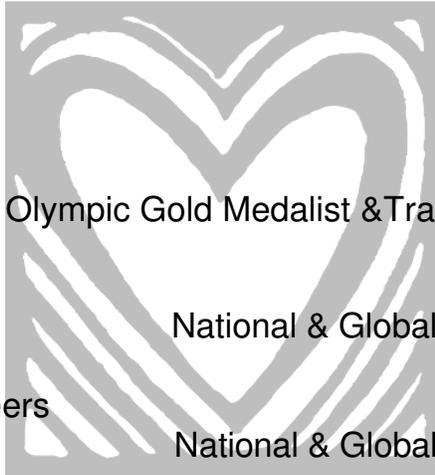
# 2008 City of Akron National & Global Youth Service Day

Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Akron Summit County Public Library

Main Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron Ohio 44308

Welcome		Billy Soule Assistant to the Mayor for Community Relations
Invocation		Pastor Matt Stahl Akron Praise Temple Church of God
Message		Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic City of Akron
Sponsor Welcome		Greg Ferrence Regional President, Akron, U.S. Bank
Introduction of Speaker		Vanessa Drone Director, PATHS
Speaker		Butch Reynolds U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist & Trainer, The Ohio State University
Volunteer Statement		Kimberly York National & Global Youth Service Day Committee
Introduction of 2008 Volunteers		Inda Blatch-Geib National & Global Youth Service Day Committee
Introduction of 2008 Top Volunteers		Niki Owens Boys & Girls Club of Summit County
Awards Presentation		Greg Ferrence and Della McCormick, U.S. Bank Billy Soule, City of Akron
Closing Remarks		Billy Soule
Remarks and Benediction		Pastor Matt Stahl



A special thank you to the staff of the Mayor's Office, Shawanna Swartz, Suzie Graham, Linda Thompson, Laurie Hoffman, Kay Racco, and Sabrina Walton for their many hours of work. To Bruce Ford and Jim Jones of the City of Akron for their technical support. And, to David Jennings, Michael Derr and the staff of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

# Harry “Butch” Reynolds

Harry “Butch” Reynolds is a three-time 1988 Olympic Gold and Silver Medal winner from Akron, Ohio.

In August 17, 1988, Butch broke the 20-year old world record in the 400-meter dash and for 11 years to follow was considered the fastest man in the world. Running the same race in the Olympic Games earned him a Silver Medal, his part in the 4x400 meter relay won him Gold.



A year earlier he had won a bronze medal in the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) World Championships.

The All-American track star from Hoban High School and Ohio State University was inducted into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995, after winning silver and gold medals again; this time in the 1995 and 1993 IAAF competitions. He also participated again in the Olympics of 1992 and 1996.

He has served as an assistant track coach at OSU and is now in his third year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Buckeyes. His specialty? Speed, of course! And nutrition.

Thirteen years ago, after retiring from competition, Butch Reynolds went on to establish the Butch Reynolds Care for Kids Foundation. The foundation works with children in after-school and summer programming to provide them with mentoring, character building and enrichment programs. His mission is to promote and educate student athletes and all young people on the fundamentals of academics, physical conditioning and life skills.

Dedicating his life to the work of the foundation he created, Butch partners with the City of Akron and the Akron Board of Education in creating after-school programs for children of the fourth and fifth grade. Mayor Don Plusquellic has praised Butch for his work calling it a “most honorable mission” and “one that I hope will fortify young people for the challenges they will face in life.”

Butch Reynolds has other dreams for his foundation and the children it will touch. He is currently working on creating a facility for children of all ages where they can spend time, and learn to condition themselves physically and mentally.



# 2007 Nominating Agencies

ACCESS Emergency Shelter for Homeless Women & Children

Akron General Medical Center

Akron Urban League

American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

Barberton Area Community Ministries

Caring Communities of Summit County

Christian Fellowship Basketball League

CYO & Community Services

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

Harvest Home, Haven of Rest Ministries

Innes Middle School

Joy Park Neighborhood Federation

The North Hill Community House

Project GRAD Akron

Rebuilding Together Summit County

Red Cross Summit County Chapter

Shoes 4 Africa/Help 4 Africa

Special Olympics Ohio

Summa Health System - Akron City Hospital

Summit County Historical Society

Sumner on Ridgewood

Wesley Temple AME Zion Church

# Volunteer of the Year

(12-13 years old category)

**AirreAnna Moore**

**Christian Fellowship Basketball League (CFBL)**

**127 hours**

“She has the biggest and brightest smile in the world.” That’s what Pastor Kevin Strickland, Sr., says about AirreAnna Moore who is an extraordinary volunteer for the Christian Fellowship Basketball League.

AirreAnna, because of her warm smile, is often a greeter; and she is a scorekeeper, recorder of stats, and works the concession stand at our Joy Park location.

AirreAnna has volunteered for CFBL for the past six years and always makes herself available to do whatever is needed. She understands the need for education and is consistently on the honor and merit roles.

Submitted by Pastor Kevin D. Strickland, Sr., Founder/President  
Christian Fellowship Basketball League



## Outstanding Volunteer

(12-13 years old category)

**Jamia L. Richardson**

**Akron Urban League**

**20+ hours**

Jamia Richardson is new to volunteering. Her first volunteer experience was packing food for needy families during our annual Thanksgiving Basket program. She was energetic, excited, committed and very helpful. She not only proved to be a good listener, she also made recommendations on how best to organize and implement this task. She volunteered as a face painter and over a four hour period, decorated more than 150 satisfied faces. Jamia worked on almost every stage of the basket program, including the clean up.

Jamia interacts well with everyone she meets; she has a solid understanding of the mission of the Akron Urban League; and, because of the leadership skills that she demonstrates, we are confident she will continue to volunteer at the Urban League and throughout the community.

Belinda Richardson, Director of Development  
Akron Urban League

# Volunteer of the Year

(14-15 years old category)

Timothy Park

American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

139 hours



Timothy Park maintains, updates and helps with the design of the Youth and Young Adult web page on our chapter's web site. He works on a two-person web team and uses his knowledge of computers, design, photography, and video to create great web pages.

Timothy has volunteered for the past four years, increasing his involvement each year. He volunteers faithfully every first and third Thursday from 10am - 5 pm and at many other times as well. He was involved in our event at the ACCESS Women and Children's Shelter, the Community Outreach Learn to Swim program, the 2007 Holiday Safety Night, the Jewish Community Center Kid's Fair, and many, many other worthwhile projects as well.

Timothy is home schooled and, even without a school requirement to volunteer, he willingly gives his time and energy to help others.

Submitted by Diane Baldrige  
Youth and Young Adult Services Specialist  
American Red Cross Summit County Chapter



# Outstanding Volunteer

(14-15 years old category)

Jasmine Wyatt

Caring Communities of Summit County

50 hours

Jasmine Wyatt is a resourceful young lady who volunteers for the Caring Communities of Summit County. This past year she went door to door recruiting for our July retreat. Because of her efforts, the staff was able to take care of important office duties. Her computer talents also came in handy while designing flyers for use in the campaign.

There isn't a task that Jasmine has turned down. She also takes on child care duties. She watches children who come to the program with their grandparents. This allows the adults to focus on activities without having to keep an eye on the children.

Though Jasmine is involved in many activities at St Mary's School, she still finds time when she can to help in our office.

Gloria Porter, Activities Specialist  
Caring Communities of Summit County

## **Volunteer of the Year (16 years and older category)**

**Victoria Marie Graham**  
**Innes Middle School**  
115 hours



Victoria Graham, a freshman at Kenmore High School, volunteers at Innes everyday after school answering phones, greeting visitors, filing records, and helping staff with classroom duties. With her assistance, the staff is able to get two days work done in one.

Victoria also helps with the girls softball, basketball and volleyball teams. No matter what the weather, she shows up with a great attitude and a smile on her face. She carries a full schedule at Kenmore. She participates in the ROTC program and is a merit and honor roll student.

Victoria has endured much in her short life. In and out of foster care, she remained steady through her mother's illness and recent death. With all that she's been through, Victoria never missed a day at Innes. She continues to show her bravery, strength and loyalty. Victoria is, by far, a great young lady.

Submitted by James McCoy, Principal  
Innes Middle School

## **Outstanding Volunteer (16 years and older category)**

**Amanda Bush**  
**American Red Cross Summit County Chapter**  
189 hours



Amanda Bush is president of the chapter's Youth and Young Adult Council and participates in many events and training programs. She has been a faithful volunteer over the last five years and has grown as a person and a leader.

Amanda's volunteerism benefits our organization because she makes herself available to lead our youth and for our many events. She participated in the Stress on Safety Program, 2007 Pancake Breakfast, the volunteer recognition picnic, 2007 Holiday Cookie Baking, fundraising and many other activities.

Amanda attended the Youth Leadership Extravaganza and led the youth so well that folks who witnessed her in action during the three and a half day event thought she was one of the counselors.

Submitted by Diane Baldrige  
Youth & Young Adult Services Specialist  
American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

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# 2007 Nominated Volunteers

Eric B. Antonucci  
**Special Olympics Ohio**  
**50+ hours**

An eight year volunteer, Eric devotes numerous hours at Special Olympics events locally as well as at the three day State Summer Games in Columbus. Eric's compassion and dignity allow him to deal with any assigned task in a mature and capable way. He is an asset to the organization in every way.

Submitted By Skip McCrory, Director Area 10  
Special Olympics Ohio

Savannah Bates  
**Caring Communities of Summit County**  
**50 hours**



Working as office assistant with her sister, Savannah's volunteerism allows the staff to administer services and prepare for programs rather than completing clerical work. Always available to help out when needed, Savannah is an asset to Caring Communities of Summit County.

Submitted by Gloria Porter, Activities Specialist  
Caring Communities of Summit County

Savaunah Bates  
**Caring Communities of Summit County**  
**50 hours**

Greeting visitors with a smile and completing each task with respect and willingness to serve, Savaunah assists with Caring Communities of Summit County. Savaunah's volunteerism aids in the running of the office as well as programming needs.

Submitted by Gloria Porter, Activities Specialist  
Caring Communities of Summit County

Michelle Beeson  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**25 hours**



A volunteer for the Williard Pantry, Michelle completes a variety of tasks allowing staff much needed time off. Michelle looks for opportunities to give service however she can and completes each task with care and respect.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry



Lillian Brown  
**ACCESS**  
**51 hours**

Assisting the staff and residents of ACCESS in numerous ways, Lillian has tutored residents, cleaned the facilities, and provided help with the arts program among her other activities. Always helpful and cheery, Lillian has a special rapport with children experiencing the trauma of homelessness. A young leader with a big heart, she also volunteers weekly at Akron Children's Hospital.

Submitted by Erin Rodabaugh  
Volunteer Coordinator , ACCESS



**Cierra Clark**  
**Akron General Medical Center**  
**52 hours**

Cierra's volunteerism at Akron General Medical Center is undertaken with great responsibility, enthusiasm, and care. She has given in a variety of capacities including surgical services, nursing care units, and transportation services. Her extra support allows shortages to be filled in extremely busy times.

Submitted by Christine Hinman, Director Volunteer Services  
 Akron General Medical Center

**Carleshia Cobbin**  
**Joy Park Neighborhood Federation**  
**160 hours**



Aiding Joy Park Neighborhood Federation through her volunteerism as an administrative aid, Carleshia assists the park in a variety of ways. Her help with the Christmas Breakfast and summer programs allows more children to participate in these much anticipated activities.

Gerald White, President  
 Joy Park Neighborhood Federation

**Teira Copeland**  
**Project GRAD Akron**  
**50 hours**

Volunteering 2-3 hours daily at Perkins Middle School, Teira is a model student of the Project Grad of Akron Scholarship Team. Teira provides administrative help, supports program activities, and is a willing volunteer for whatever is needed.

Submitted By Patricia Wicks, Bridge to Graduation Coordinator  
 Project GRAD Akron

**Tedre Davis**  
**Akron Urban League**  
**100+ hours**



Whether distributing food as part of USA Food, setting up or tearing down for events, or grading papers and completing office help, Tedre's volunteerism allows staff more direct time with clients. Tedre's enthusiastic service is an invaluable asset to The Akron Urban League.

Submitted by Misty Rogers, G.E.D. Instructor  
 Akron Urban League

**Paul Erney**  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**32 hours**

A first year volunteer at Williard Food Pantry, Paul assists in unloading trucks, carrying food for clients, and restocking shelves. He completes each task with a pleasant attitude assisting whatever is needed.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
 Williard Food Pantry

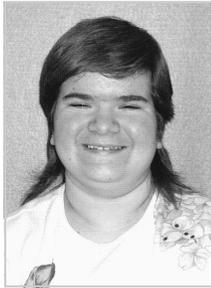


**Ashley Fuentes**  
**Summit County Historical Society**  
**60 hours**



Greeting guests, guiding tours, and cleaning the grounds, Ashley volunteers four hours each Saturday at the Summit County Historical Society. Although heavily involved in academic and band activities at her school, Ashley acts as a vital member of the volunteer staff and role model for other students.

Submitted by Leianne Neff Heppner, Curator  
 Summit County Historical Society



**Erica Hannan**  
**Summa Health System - Akron City Hospital**  
**298 hours**

Rarely missing a day of service, Erica has been an invaluable volunteer at Summa Health System's Akron City Hospital. She participates in reading mail to patients, answering phones, copying, and reassembly of client charts. Erica's involvement allows the nursing staff to dedicate more time to the floor and patient care.

Submitted by Amy Gamber, Manager, Volunteer & Customer Relations  
 Summa Health System-Akron City Hospital

**Shelby Harris**  
**Rebuilding Together Summit County**  
**25 hours**



Shelby, along with her dad, has volunteered for the past three years in April and again in October during the Renew the Town Program. She has helped with painting and yard work for the needy. Shelby is committed to our organization and is a real pleasure to work with.

Submitted by Paul Holm, Executive Director  
 Rebuilding Together Summit County



**Stephen Haury**  
**Haven of Rest Ministries**  
**35+ hours**

As a volunteer in the clothing department at Haven of Rest Ministries, Stephen maintains an outgoing and enthusiastic demeanor. His politeness and charity exemplify the organization's ideal whether he is inspecting the quality of donations, helping with food preparation or serving in another of his numerous volunteer capacities.

Submitted by Jan Pluck  
 Coordinator of Volunteers, Haven of Rest Ministries

**Julia A. Hershey**  
**Sumner on Ridgewood**  
**552 hours**



The longest standing youth volunteer at Sumner on Ridgewood, Julia has dedicated service hours since she was 12 years old. Assisting residents with special events and activities, Julia has become the 'adopted granddaughter' to many there. Bringing spirit and energy to the facility, Julia's devotion to service is apparent in each task she completes.

Submitted by Emily A. Dorland, Activities Supervisor  
 Sumner on Ridgewood

Hayley Himeline  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**22 hours**

Haley started coming to the Williard Food Pantry as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and she comes on a regular basis. Her help with clients affords the staff an opportunity to have time off. She is a joy to have at the pantry. There is no job she can't do and no job that needs done that she would not do on her own.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry



Shijia Hwang  
**Harvest Home, Haven of Rest Ministries**  
**60+ hours**



In her work with Harvest Home, Shijia consistently displays her versatility and commitment to volunteerism with a variety of support. Whether working with the women and children, assisting with childcare, or helping with dinner, Shijia models faithful service and dedication.

Submitted by Jan Pluck  
Coordinator of Volunteers, Haven of Rest Ministries

Laurel Jaroch  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**

Laurel works in the order room of the Williard Food Pantry stocking shelves so adult workers can have time off. She is a great promoter of our pantry. She goes back to her school and church telling others of the work she does.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Ally Kaufman  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**



Prepared to help whenever needed, Ally's service at the Williard Food Pantry allows adult volunteers time off. Although busy with a strenuous school schedule and activities, Ally is always prepared to lend a helping hand in any task.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Hope Kostensky  
**American Red Cross Summit County Chapter**  
**50+ hours**

Holding fundraisers in support of the Measles Initiative Program, Hope raised over \$2,000.00 in 2007 for this American Red Cross project. Acting as a spokesperson and activities coordinator to raise awareness of this valuable initiative, Hope is a self-motivated and driven volunteer making a true impact in our community

Submitted by Diane Baldrige, Youth & Young Adult Services Specialist  
American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

Courtney Kovach  
**American Red Cross Summit County Chapter**  
**98 hours**



A four year volunteer for the American Red Cross of Summit County, Courtney has assisted the organization as a water safety instructor aid, event aid, and Knit Your Bit project participant among many other services. Her volunteerism makes it possible to directly impact more families through water and swimming safety classes.

Submitted by Diane Baldrige, Youth & Young Adult Services Specialist  
American Red Cross Summit County Chapter

Zach McGraw  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**27 hours**

Whether stocking shelves or unloading trucks, Zach completes each task with enthusiasm and a caring manner. Zach consistently takes on leadership roles by identifying the needs of the Williard Food Pantry and filling them through his hard work.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Dominique Mitchell  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**



Dominique assisted clients by packing orders and carrying them to their cars. He worked on weekends when he could have been out doing other things. By doing so, adult workers were able to take Saturdays off.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Zach Mueller  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**41 hours**

Always looking for an opportunity to serve, Zach assists clients with their orders, stocks shelves, and unloads trucks at the Williard Food Pantry. A born leader and hard worker, Zach offers a lending hand so that more direct client service can be performed.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Andrea Myers  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**31 hours**



Eager to help others, Andrea aids the Williard Food Pantry in stocking and loading to provide time off for adult workers. Andrea's spirit of service considers no task to be too small or large in her volunteerism efforts.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry



**Amy Omar**  
**Shoes 4 Africa/Help 4 Africa**  
**100 hours**

Amy's volunteerism has served to coordinate shoe collections both in her school and community for Shoes 4 Africa/Help 4 Africa. To date she has assembled over 500 pairs of shoes with future efforts in the works.

Submitted by Aūnes Omar

**Carly Pouttu**  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**



Carly works stocking shelves and packing orders at the Williard Food Pantry. Her volunteerism allows other workers to take time off. She is also an artist. Many of her renderings hang on the walls of the pantry. Her work has turned a dull place into one that says "welcome."

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
 Williard Food Pantry

**Jordan Ross**  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**

Coming in on weekends and after school, Jordan assists the Williard Food Pantry in the daily tasks of stocking and unloading supplies. Her help permits adults to work directly with the clients rather than complete these very necessary jobs.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
 Williard Food Pantry

**Allison Rowe**  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**33 hours**



A long time volunteer for Williard Food Pantry, Allison has been giving of her time since 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Now a junior, Allison continues to aid in the mission of providing food to those in need through stocking and unloading of supplies.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
 Williard Food Pantry

**Jake Runyon**  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**

Jake come to the Williard Food Pantry and helps on weekends. While here, he demonstrates leadership as he successfully completes all tasks asked of him.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
 Williard Food Pantry

Bobby Sadinski

**Habitat for Humanity of Summit County**  
**27 hours**

Bobby volunteers four hours each Saturday with the Habitat for Humanity and Habitat Restore. Cleaning, unloading trucks, and maintaining fixtures, Bobby chooses tasks independently in order to allow staff more time to assist the consumer. Each task is completed meticulously and with a friendly, personable manner.

Submitted by Jennifer M. Koster, Business Manager  
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

Evan Sasowsky

**Williard Food Pantry**  
**21 hours**



Evan comes to the Williard Food Pantry over summer vacation and during holidays. This allows full-time workers to take off and be with their families. Evan is just one of many young volunteers who come from other churches and organizations to help us here.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Sonja Schnell

**Williard Food Pantry**  
**20 hours**

Sonja is new to volunteering and helps here at the Williard Food Pantry on weekends. Her being here enables us to serve more clients in a shorter time. She is a fast learner and there is no job at the pantry she can't do.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Denise Sheppard  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**47 hours**



Assisting in assembly of holiday food baskets and volunteering on weekends and during the summer, Denise is a valuable asset to the Williard Food Pantry. Denise helps to recruit other volunteers and allows adults needed time off from their duties.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry

Christian Swartwood

**Barberton Area Community Ministries**  
**136 hours**

Volunteering with the Barberton Area Community Ministries, Christian helps in serving clients, receiving donations, and sorting and rotating stock. Since 2006, he has volunteered a minimum of 3 hours a week showing kindness to clients and staff alike and displaying a model work ethic.

Submitted by Martha Jamison, Food Pantry Coordinator  
Barberton Area Community Ministries

**Ally Thomas**  
**Williard Food Pantry**  
**21 hours**

Even working part time and volunteering at her school and church, Ally still makes time to volunteer for the Williard Food Pantry. Her service entails stocking shelves and putting up soap in the facility allowing adult volunteers to provide more direct client help.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations  
Williard Food Pantry



**Annie Wilkins**  
**CYO & Community Services**  
**144 hours**



Annie is a team member for our CYO Search Retreat Program. She has served as a team director and kitchen leader and sets a good example for younger members. Annie is an excellent role model and is respected by her peers. She is always confident, bright, upbeat and a kind young woman.

Submitted by Maureen Capellas, Director of Youth Ministry  
CYO & Community Services

**James R. Williams**  
**Wesley Temple AME Zion Church**  
**50 hours**

Setting up the feeding area, cleaning, and assisting with client needs, James helps to provide 150 homeless persons a meal each week through Wesley Temple AME Zion Church. James' diligence allows regular staff members to be freed for other tasks or much needed relief.

Submitted by Rose M. Skinner, Coordinator of Feeding Ministries  
Wesley Temple AME Zion Church



**Gary L. Wyatt, Jr.**  
**The North Hill Community House**  
**180 hours**



A long standing volunteer, Gary is responsible for the care and maintenance of The North Hill Community House. Twice weekly he completes the cleaning of the building while aiding with computer inputting on Saturdays. His service allows staff to focus on the daily running of the organization and client service.

Submitted by Gary L. Wyatt, Sr., CEO  
The North Hill Community House



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# Proclamation

*To The People of Akron:*

*Whereas::* It is our duty as citizens, parents, teachers, clergy, and youth organizations to develop leadership skills and instill character in young people through strong role models, healthy environments and a variety of opportunities; and

*Whereas::* The City of Akron enthusiastically joins the 20th Annual National & Global Youth Service Day in partnership with the United States Conference of Mayors, Parade Magazine and many national organizations; and

*Whereas::* As partners also joining with the Points of Light Foundation, National League of Cities, YMCA and YWCA of the USA, Boys and Girls Clubs, the American Red Cross, Youth Volunteers of America, American Federation of Teachers, we are grateful for the generosity of local sponsors: Subway, U.S. Bank, Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick; we thank national underwriters State Farm Companies Foundation, General Motors Corporation, the Department of Justice and the Disney Corporation; and

*Whereas::* The Annual National & Global Youth Service Day will bring together three million young volunteers to serve their communities through thousands of service projects, we in Akron are extremely proud of the 50 volunteers we recognize this year.

*Now, Therefore:* I, Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 2008, as:

## "NATIONAL & GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY"

in the City of Akron.

*In Witness Whereof:* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron, Ohio, to be affixed hereto this 15th day of April, 2008.

Mayor  
City of Akron