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City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

April 15, 2005

Dear Friend:

Welcome to the 15th Annual National Youth Service Day Recognition Program.

I would like to personally congratulate you on being honored today and thank you for the many volunteer hours that you gave to our community. It is very encouraging for me to know that so many of our young people in Akron and Summit County are dedicated to serving others. Your contribution reinforces my belief that our future will be in most capable hands.

The City of Akron is pleased to host the National Youth Service Day with its local co-sponsor, U.S. Bank. My sincerest thanks to U.S. Bank Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick for their support. We also recognize and thank our national partners, the United States Conference of Mayors, Youth Service America, the National Youth Leadership Council, Parade Magazine, and the 2005 presenting sponsor State Farm Companies Foundation.

The real thanks goes to parents, teachers, coaches, clergy, and many others in our community who positively impact our young volunteers. Thank you for all that you have contributed to help shape this wonderful crop of youthful volunteers.

This year we celebrate recognizing 228 nominees. I hope that our numbers continue their upward trend and that you will encourage others of your generation to give through volunteerism.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC
Mayor

Program Presenters

Linda Tucci Teodosio
Judge
Summit County Juvenile Court

Bernett L. Williams
President & CEO
Akron Community Service Center & Urban League

Bob Kulinski
President
United Way of Summit County

Josie McElroy
Director of Development
Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank



Nominating Agencies

Akron Children's Hospital

Akron Community Service Center & Urban League

Akron Police Department

American Red Cross, Summit County Chapter

Barberton Citizens Hospital

Barberton Community Ministries

Charisma Community Connections

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St. Francis de Sales School

Summit County Children Services

Summit Special Olympics

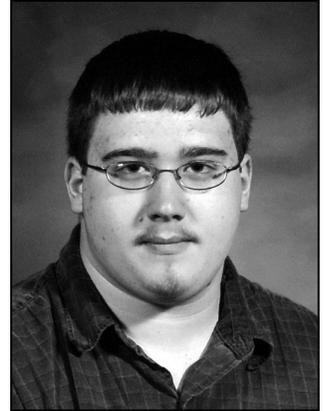
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Volunteer of the Year

Anthony Reed

Barberton Area Community Ministries

106 hours



Anthony Reed works in the food pantry of Barberton Area Community Ministries on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. He serves clients, restocks the pantry, packs food bags, receives donations, and helps rotate product in the stockroom. He is willing to do whatever is asked of him, including shoveling snow, working on an occasional Saturday for special events such as food drives, client housing needs and more.

Anthony is a very strong young man and older volunteers rely on him to do the heavy lifting around the pantry. He not only carries the heavy items for restocking from the basement, but he also helps to carry many clients' large packages as well. One example of Anthony's sensitivity to clients came on his second day at the pantry when he carried packages for a man and his young son. The man expressed his appreciation to Anthony many times before he and his son left the parking lot. At that moment, Anthony said he realized what he was doing was something really important for that family.

Anthony initially volunteered to work just Tuesdays. It didn't take long for him to see the great need at the pantry and took upon himself to work Thursdays as well. He has become so good at what he does that he now trains the pantrys' new volunteers.

His personality and attitude is so pleasant and lighthearted (which are exceptional qualities for a 16 year old) that staff, volunteers and clients all enjoy working and talking with him. He is a sensitive young man who volunteers because he sees the need and cares for the welfare of the people that come to the pantry.

Finally, Anthony is so dedicated that he walks 12 blocks, regardless of the weather, to serve his clients and Barberton Area Community Ministries.

*Submitted by K. C. Kantorick, Outreach Coordinator/Volunteer Coordinator
Barberton Area Community Ministries*



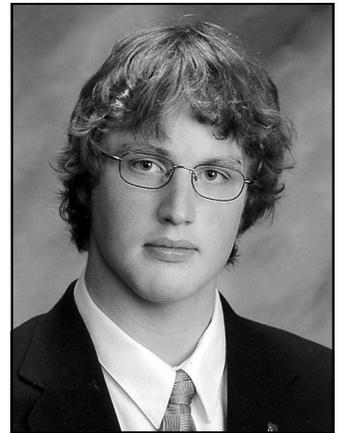
Outstanding Volunteer

Charles Pairan

Summit Special Olympic Athletic Club

90 hours

Charles Pairan volunteers as an assistant swim team coach for the Summit Special Olympic Athletic Club. He takes direction from head coach Gene Fitch and works with approximately 30 special needs swimmers. Charles teaches strokes, helps run practices and works one-on-one with swimmers. He attends two practices a week, he is at all swim meets and even travels to state meets in Columbus to assist and guide athletes.

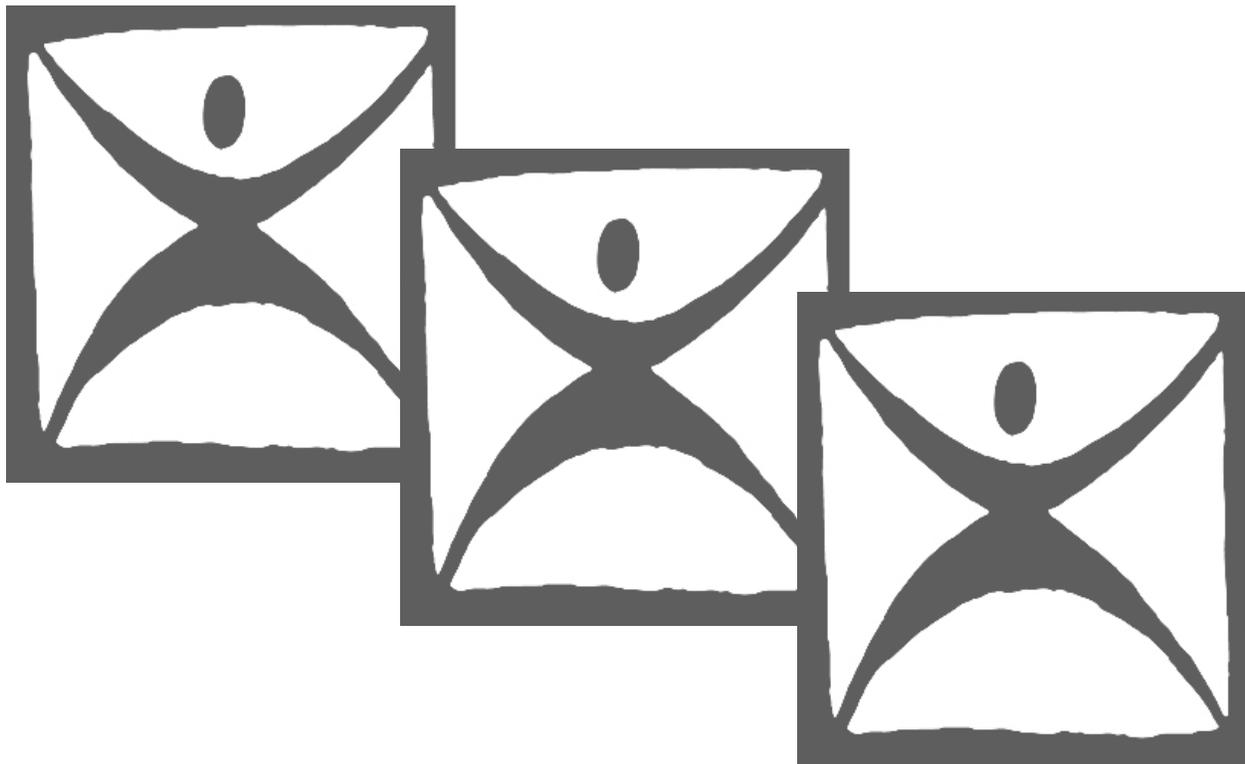


Charles is a real asset to the team. Coach Fitch counts on Charles at practices on Mondays and Wednesdays at the University of Akron. Because he is a swimmer, Charles is able to assist athletes and help them to increase their swimming skills.

Charles is a great role model. Not only does he share his knowledge of swimming, but he has become a real friend to many athletes. For example, at a state meet in Columbus, he sat and talked to several swimmers about music for more than an hour while they waited for their turn to swim.

Charles is also a very polite and responsible young man who has been volunteering for the Summit Special Olympic Athletic Club since the fall of 2003. He is so dedicated to the cause that he has encouraged other students to volunteer as well.

Submitted by Cathy Parker, President Summit Special Olympic Athletic Club



Volunteer Group of the Year

American Red Cross Youth Council

Aaron Barrett
Cesily Carter
Erin Carter
Ravon Clyburn
Brian Ellington
Alyssa Gipson

Ciara Humphrey
Jason Humphrey
Juston Johnson
Vance Johnson
Beth Kaltenbach
Becca Lada

Shannon Levesque
Keenan Philpott
Kenyon Philpott
Ti'Air Riggins
Terry Tolbert
Lindsey Tucker

Chanel Van Dyke
Hovaj Chi Vue
Vanida Xiong
Bo Yang
Houa Yang

American Red Cross of Summit County 2000 + hours

Summit County Red Cross Youth Council is the student run governing body of the chapter's Youth Services Department. These volunteers plan, organize and supervise all youth community events and activities.

The Red Cross Youth Volunteers bring enthusiasm, talent, and skills to the organization. They are actively involved in helping people in the community. Having youth volunteers enables the Red Cross to deliver valuable services and programs to the community.

In the last quarter of 2004 (October to December), the youth volunteered nearly 700 hours. The group coordinated a pancake breakfast fundraiser to raise funds to assist the indigent who attend the Red Cross community dinners. They raised more than \$1,200 and purchased and packaged toiletry items that were distributed to more than 200 adults and children. The group also adopted a family during the Christmas holidays.



Submitted by Robin Barclay, Director, Volunteer Services, American Red Cross



Outstanding Group

Key Club

Ashley Brown
Tim Chounramary
Juston Johnson
Sejla Karalic
Erica Kish
Loc Le
Shannon Levesque
Alex Martin

Jasmine Mathis
Diana Ratsavong
Ti'Air Riggins
Philip Steele
Dierre Taylor
Bethany Tucker
Lindsey Tucker
Yer Vang

Amy Vue
Cathy Vue
Chee Nou Vue
Chuemonge Vue
Eiaonge Vue
Houaj Vue
Mona Vue
Pa Vue

Pao Vue
DeAndre' Whitlock
Joshua Wilborn
Coua Xiong
Jennifer Xiong
Vanida Xiong
Bo Yang
Houa Yang

Garfield High School Key Club

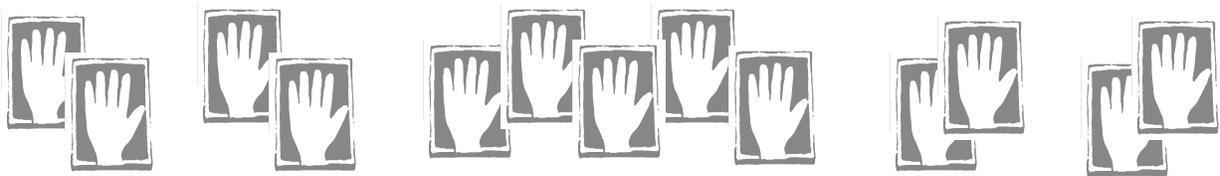
50+ hours

The Garfield High School Key Club actively seeks volunteer projects at the school and in the surrounding community. This group of 32 volunteers has assisted a blood drive, the Akron Marathon, Ram-O-Rama, the Adopt a Family Program, Stan Hywet Christmas, the Red Cross Walk, and the Dog-a-Thon for Akron Children's Hospital.

The group not only raises money for area charities, but also assists in school functions freeing up staff for other tasks. They have also raked leaves and shoveled snow sparing seniors physical work and saving them money as well.

This group works somewhat independently of school supervision. They conduct their own meetings and often line up their own volunteer activities. They not only lead in volunteering, which was more than 50 hours during 2004, they also juggle a schedule that includes Student Council, Future Teachers and the speech team. These young people are a great asset to Garfield High School and to the Akron community.

Submitted by Steve D. Roberts, Key Club Advisor, Garfield High School



National Youth Service Day Breakfast sponsored by



Honorable Mention

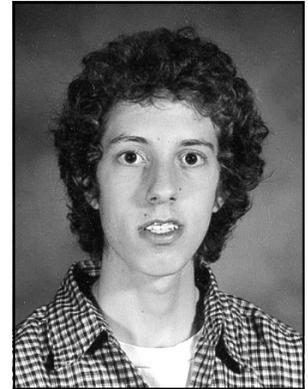
Caleb Aronhalt
Haven of Rest Ministries
33 hours

Caleb Aronhalt volunteered at the Haven of Rest Hope Basketball Camp for inner city boys and girls. For the two weeks of camp, Caleb was an assistant coach and taught camp participants basketball fundamentals.

Caleb has been assisting the coach for four years and is a role model for the under privileged youth who attend the basketball camp.

Caleb is involved at his school and church. He plays basketball and runs track and cross country for Firestone High School while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. He also sings in the school's men's and symphonic choirs. He attends the Middlebury Chapel and is involved in the youth group who attended several inner city mission trips.

In 2004 he volunteered 50 hours at the mission, around 50 hours at his church, and in the last four years, more than 200 hours at the Haven of Rest.



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

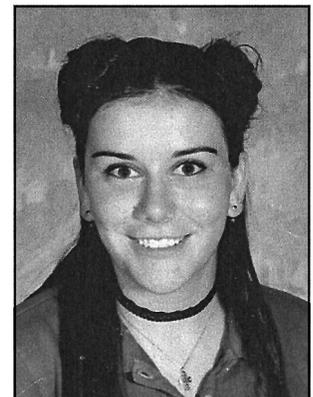
Honorable Mention

Jamie Cordier
Haven of Rest Ministries
50 hours

Jamie Cordier is a volunteer at the Haven of Rest in their after school program. She spends time with children baking, making crafts, and assisting with other planned activities. She also helps serve and clean up during snack time.

Jamie's involvement allows the Assistant Child Advocate to run the after school program which benefits the children as they get more personal time because of her presence. Jamie is faithful to the program. She comes in every Monday, for an hour, even on when school is out or has been cancelled. She has also volunteered in other areas. In 2004 she served 50 volunteer hours at the Haven of Rest.

She is involved at her school and church. She is a member of the Mogadore High School band and has been a student director of her high school play. She is a member of "I Witness", a traveling drama and musical group at the Arlington Memorial Baptist Church. The group writes and performs skits at churches around the country. She is a great asset to the Haven of Rest and to her community.



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

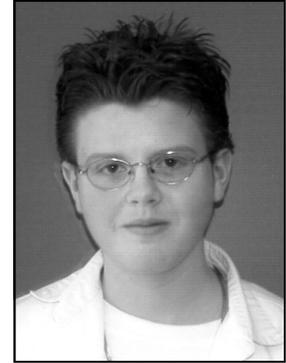
Honorable Mention

Christopher Ferreri

Child Guidance and Family Services

85 hours

Christopher Ferreri is an assistant in the Child Guidance and Family Solutions Kids Club Summer program and on occasion, assists with evening children's groups at Family Ties. He manages the Kids Club Store, helps direct children's play, with snacks and art activities and assists with light clerical duties.



Christopher is a positive teen who many younger children look up to. This is evident in the one-on-one time that he spends with children who come to Family Ties for services.

Christopher is the older of two boys being raised by his grandparents following the death of his mother and is a one time participant of the program. When he became older he recognized the importance of helping other children along the way. Christopher volunteered 85 hours at Child Guidance and Family Solutions during 2004. He also volunteers at Mason Park Community Center.



*Submitted by Terri V. Leslie, Assistant Director, Prevention Programs
Child Guidance and Family Services*

Honorable Mention

Jessica Monegan

Hale Farm & Village

36.5 hours

Jessica Monegan volunteers in the education department at Hale Farm & Village. She demonstrated and taught the history of spinning and weaving to children's camp groups as well as to adults. She allowed a hands-on experience of the trade to children and discussed its importance and effect on modern times.



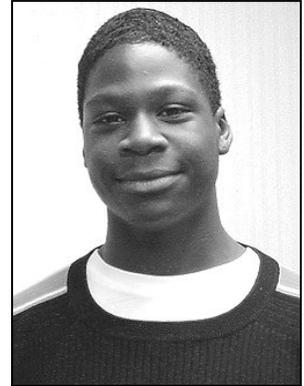
Jessica's presence at Hale Farm & Village has allowed the movement of paid staff to different sites so visitors could enjoy areas that would otherwise be closed for lack of staff. She volunteered 36.5 hours in 2004.

Jessica easily fit into the programming of Hale Farm & Village. She received high compliments from staff and visitors on her excellent attitude and performance. Always reliable, she never missed a scheduled day and was dependable for staffing purposes.

Submitted by Brian Reitz, Manager of Crafts & Trades, Hale Farm & Village

Honorable Mention

Brandon Ward
The Salvation Army
50 hours



Brandon Ward has volunteered in the Salvation Army soup kitchen for the past year. He works when off from school and during the summer. He helps with food preparation, dishwashing, clean-up, and works in the food pantry. Brandon assists with meal preparation during youth activities and, on occasion, with office work. He also volunteers at Christmastime ringing bells at stores after school is out.

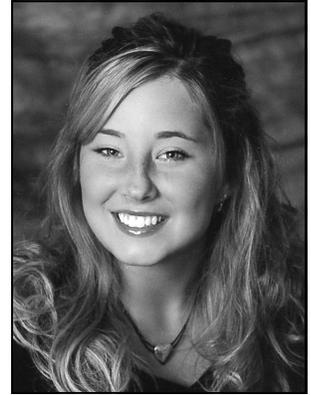
Brandon is a great young man who lives with his aunt. He always volunteers to help and even comes to work in the soup kitchen when schools have a “snow day.” In 2004 Brandon volunteered 50 hours to Salvation Army activities.

He loves people and brings a smile to everyone he meets.

Submitted by Captain Linda Butts, Salvation Army Officer, Salvation Army



Erica Baer
Barberton Citizen's Hospital
116 hours



Erica volunteers on Saturdays in the hospital's maternity ward. She discharges patients, takes specimens to the lab, picks up medication from the pharmacy, and puts charts together.

The hospital stresses the importance of having a volunteer in the maternity ward, especially when a lab run is needed and Erica is always reliable in these stat situations. She is a very dedicated and conscientious volunteer.

Submitted by Karen Schwarm, Volunteer Secretary, Barberton Citizen's Hospital



Whitney Beasley
Mountain of The Lord Fellowship/V.I.B.E.
104 hours

Whitney volunteers for the church's V.I.B.E. (Value Information Being Exposed in the lives of our youth) program. She helps in the office with stapling, making copies, sorting and filing. She helps to empower the lives of teens by volunteering as a youth leader sharing facts, statistics, and stories about young people.

Whitney's volunteering allows youth leaders to prepare lessons without having to spend a lot of time doing office tasks. She also assists leaders in impacting the lives of youth by providing drug, alcohol and STD awareness as well as helping them to improve academically.

Whitney, although just 17, is highly committed and extremely intelligent. Her volunteerism not only impacts youth and office workers at the church; it has also encouraged her family to get involved as well.

Submitted by Bryant Sojourner, Youth Director, Mountain of the Lord Fellowship

Sarah Borgos
Hale Farm & Village
25 hours

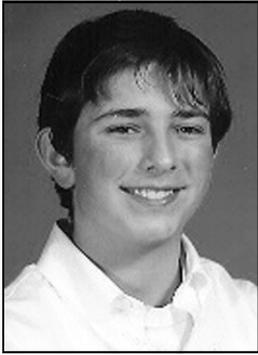


Sarah assists the staff at Hale Farm & Village with special events. She has performed such duties as selling admission tickets and refreshments, providing customer service and orientations to visitors. She also instructed children and adults on the 19th century toys and games at the museum.

Sarah's assistance has helped our orientation accommodate, educate, and entertain thousands of visitors. Providing more than comfort and ease to the visitor's experience, she has helped staff bring history to life for many. Her assistance has allowed staff to offer more historic sites and gives them the ability to manage the intricacies of special effects.

Sarah balances her volunteer work with extracurricular activities at her high school. She always provides a smile and enthusiasm toward our visitors. When the need arises, she is often the first to sign up to help.

Submitted by Brian Reitz, Manager of Crafts & Trades, Hale Farm & Village



Will Cardina
Summit County Children Services
60 hours



Will has been volunteering at Children Services for the past five years. He works on special projects such as assisting in supervising foster children, packing material for Child Abuse and Family Awareness Month and in distributing holiday baskets. He was also active in the passage of the recent levy. He assisted in mailings, the distribution of literature, participated in parades and other activities.

Will volunteers evenings and on many weekends. His presence enables staff to focus on their regular work responsibilities and enables them to leave work on time so they can spend time with their families.

Will has committed to volunteering for Children Services into the future.

*Submitted by Martin Dennis, Volunteer Services Manager,
 Summit County Children Services*



Aaron Garlick
Akron Police Explorers Post
58 hours



Aaron never missed a meeting of the Akron Police Explorers during 2004. He also assisted with every special event during that time. He is always willing to help out whenever needed.

His volunteering helps citizens at many functions including the Akron Air Show, Hattie Larlham, the American Heartwalk and more.

Aaron has volunteered more hours than any other explorer. His willingness to help others makes him a good example for others to follow.

Submitted by, Sergeant Gary Webb, Akron Police Department



Margaret Goulet
St. Francis de Sales School
27 hours



Margaret volunteered at the Portage Lakes Branch Library and also participated with handicapped individuals at monthly square dances and bingo parties. The group danced at nursing homes and worked as elves for children at a Christmas party.

Margaret has gone out of her way to help others and has been faithful in all that she has done. Her volunteering has brought joy to both the young and elderly alike.

Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St. Francis de Sales School

Christina Hall
Charisma Community Connection/Tobacco Prevention
50 hours

Christina volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday at rehearsal with the adult choir, praise team, and the band. Christina volunteers as a video camera operator, photographer and usher for Charisma Community Connections events. She is also a youth rep for the Youth Tobacco Prevention Program. She recruits youth to join the program, hands out tobacco prevention literature and does basic office tasks.



Her volunteerism allows staff to manage and/or supervise other jobs, services and events. She is very committed to her work, always makes herself available and is eager to learn. Her attitude and helpfulness helps to make the jobs of others easier. Because of Christina's involvement, leadership and consistency her mother is now actively involved.

*Submitted by Brian Sojourner, Youth Director and Ernie McCallister, Media Specialist
Charisma Community Connection*

Ashley Hicks
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
216 hours

Ashley volunteers on the Soldiers for Christ Drill Team, dances with the Daughters of Shiloh Praise Dancers, works in youth ministry and is also an usher.

Ashley is a great asset to the ministries she participates in. She is consistent, committed, loyal and always gives 100% in all she does. She is a great role model for younger children in the congregation.

Along with her volunteering at Shiloh, she participates in Girl Scouts, Coming Together, 2004 Delta Sigma Theta Cotillion, Garfield Spanish and debate teams, Student Council, Class Leadership, Key Club, softball, and is a member of the National Honor Society with a GPA of 3.87.

Ashley resides with her grandmother who, by the way, is very proud of her.

Submitted by Rev. Curtis Minter, Pastor, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Laura Knight
St. Francis de Sales School
74 hours

Laura has done many things to help others. She was involved in many activities at an area nursing home helping with picnics, socials, happy hours and much more. She assisted sheriff deputies in educating kindergarteners on safety issues. She has helped handicapped adults enjoy themselves at square dances; she has also worked at Goodwill and painted pumpkins for Children's Hospital.



Laura has spent hours thinking of and helping others. Whether the person is young or old, no matter what the situation, Laura has shown that she cares for all.

Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St. Francis de Sales School



Brian McCallister
Mountain of the Lord Fellowship/Music Department
500 + hours



Brian volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday at rehearsal with the adult choir, praise team, band and youth choir. He is an accomplished musician who has taken responsibility in the success of these groups who travel both inside and outside of the state. He is the pianist, saxophone and horn player.

With all that he does, Brian is just 14 years of age and is active in his school marching band, gospel choir and in the Visual Performing Arts Ohio Music Education Association at Firestone High School. He maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

Submitted by Sharon Y. Turner, Music Director, Mountain of the Lord Fellowship

Kristen Louise Minrovic
Akron Children's Hospital
125 + hours



Kristen works the errand desk in the Locust Street lobby located on the 3rd floor of Akron Children's Hospital. She works Saturdays from 8:00 am to noon. Her responsibilities include transporting patients to x-ray; delivering food trays to nurses' stations and patient rooms, transporting patients for discharge, and she makes herself available to patients, their families and to hospital staff for other needs.

Kristen's volunteerism enables the paid weekend volunteer coordinator the time to train and monitor other volunteers. She is highly dependable and even came in on Christmas Day because it fell on "her day" to volunteer. She is one of the youngest volunteer tour guides in the hospital's history and many groups have complimented her style and abilities. She is a special young lady who is not only a good volunteer but an outstanding volunteer.

Submitted by David Beesing, Weekend Volunteer Coordinator, Akron Children's Hospital



Laura Orihel
St. Francis de Sales School
74 hours



Laura has volunteered for many activities that help others. She participated in square dances for handicapped adults, worked as an elf at Christmas parties for young people and made blankets for individuals in nursing homes. She also assisted sheriff deputies in educating kindergarteners on safety issues, helped workers at Goodwill Industries and painted pumpkins for Children's Hospital.

Laura's volunteering enabled those in charge of activities to run those activities smoothly. In doing so, she has brought joy to those she came in contact with.

Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St. Francis de Sales



Ashley Markowski
St. Francis de Sales School
42 hours



Ashley volunteered for various projects from helping conduct activities for children, tutoring younger children at the school and assisting with activities for Children's Hospital. She helped children at a Summit Racing Christmas Party, sorted clothes for Goodwill and participated in monthly square dancing with handicapped adults.

Her presence has helped staff provide needed assistance to young children and handicapped adults. Ashley has gone out of her way to be of service to many people.

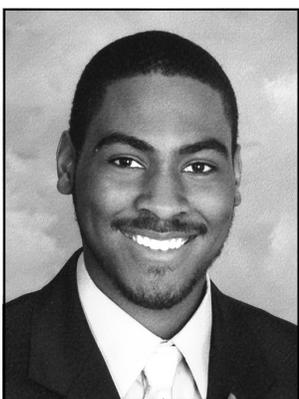
Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St. Francis de Sales

Sarah Smith
St. Francis de Sales School
70 hours



Sarah danced at nursing homes and volunteered at Good Neighbors. Her volunteering helped many people in the community. She recognizes that the elderly enjoy being entertained and Sarah loves bringing joy to others.

Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St. Francis de Sales School



Kerry Tolbert
Mountain of the Lord Fellowship
84 hours



Kerry assists in the media services department of the church. He is responsible for setting up and tearing down of sound and audio equipment for church services. Without Kerry's help, it would take the sound crew much longer to set up and they would also be shorthanded during sound checks on Friday and Sundays. He helps to keep equipment in order and is readily available when needed.

Kerry is committed to volunteering for this task and for more than a year has never missed being there. He works well with everyone and is respectful to the leadership. Kerry, recently new to the area, didn't have many friends at first, but has found a way to make friends by making himself available to others.

*Eugene Norris, Pastor and Ken Turner, Sound Director, Media Services
Mountain of the Lord Fellowship*

Heidi Vielhaber
Barberton Citizen's Hospital
161 hours

Heidi volunteers at the Anna Dean Therapy Center of Barberton Citizen's Hospital every Monday afternoon. She answers telephones, files charts, does mailings, computer work, greets patients, and puts laundry away. Heidi also assists the center's secretary.

Heidi has been an exceptional volunteer since June of 2001. She always goes above and beyond that which is asked of her. She also volunteers at the Barberton Mum Festival, Akron Heart Walk as well as the Barberton Christmas Walk.



Submitted by Karen Schwarm, Volunteer Secretary, Barberton Citizen's Hospital



Carrie Warters
Barberton Citizen's Hospital
73.5 hours

Carrie volunteers Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the hospital's information desk. She greets visitors and gives in-coming patients room numbers and directions.

With the information desk being the first place of contact within the hospital, it is important that the person there makes a good first impression. Carrie is very outgoing and her sweet and friendly disposition makes her perfect for this assignment.

Submitted by Karen Schwarm, Volunteer Secretary, Barberton Citizen's Hospital



Akron Police Explorers Post 2001

**Terrance Abrams
Ken Adniskey
Chris Albanese
Katrina Alcorn
Jeremy Anderson
Ashley Apazeller
Brandin Arteno
Miki Barnes
Amanda Beall
Kayla Berish
Danielle Bernard
John Bickett
Megan Blair
Josh Bolender
Dan Bray
Teddy Brophy
Chris Bruno
Zach Burns
Amanda Cassill
Sean Chalmers**

**Allen Cody
Josh Coleman
Russell Curtis
Maggie Duffield
Markie Dunn
Nikki Dunn
Michael Englehart
Steven Flight
Aaron Garlick
Josh Gemik
Robert Grable
Whitney Hankton
Keith Heilmeier
Chelstine Hinchee
Chris Holmes
Markell Hope
Tony Hosey
Brandon Howell
Lyse Hoy
Desirae Huxtable**

**Jessica Jindra
Adam Jones
Brittney Jones
Jon Justice
Matt Kennedy
Precious Kimbrough
Chad Kopping
Kaitlyn Lytle
Nicole Martin
Jessica May
Britnie Mayhew
Josh McClosky
Ashlei McCutcheon
Chloe McKenzie
Emure Mehmeti
Jason Miller
Sarah Mitchell
Matt Morrow
Andrew Muehlheim
Jon Myers**

**Jim Pipes
Deonte Pruitt
Sydney Ronca
Chad Schafer
Ashanti Stafford
Ryan Steele
Amanda Swope
DeNae Truss
John Vanek
Jerrime Weathers
David Welch, II
Dan Whitmore
T.J. Withers
Mary Wood
Whystal Worthy
Katie Wrobel
Blong Xiong
Gina Yeager
Josh Zivny**

Akron Police Explorers Post 2001 1650 hours

The young people of the Akron Police Explorers Post 2001 meet every Tuesday evening during the school year. The group assists with monthly events which include Hattie Larlham Family Day, the Akron Air Show, The Roadrunner Marathon, the FOP Christmas Party for Kids and more.

The Explorers receive classroom instruction on police work and also get hands-on experience in parade work and traffic control.

The 2004 class has volunteered more hours than any other Explorer group in the history of the Akron Police Department. Collectively they have volunteered 1650 hours.



Submitted by Sergeant Gary Webb, Akron Police Department



Coming Together Teen Board

Rebecca Barnes-Felton	Rachael Gilliland	Derek Kuhn	Ashley Parker
David Brooks	Serena Hanna	Jocelyn Kuhn	Brad Sherman
Keleigh Butner	Miriam Harris	Kim Lavin	Vyshnavi Sivokumoron
Carlina Croston	Ashley Hicks	Preston Lewis	Brittany Solomon
Jonathan Duffy	Eric Jurkovic	Elizabeth Mason	Moriah Stutler
Ashleigh Fowler-Snipes	Ann Koblenzer	McKinsey Muir	Cassie Terwilliger
			Lauren Thurman

Coming Together Akron 1650 hours

The youth volunteers of Coming Together Akron help plan, prepare for and conduct four workshop/dialogues a year for high school students in Summit County. The workshops/dialogues focus on diversity and teen issues, and are instrumental in encouraging positive relationships among teens and the acceptance of all people regardless of race, creed, color or sexuality. The teens are also called upon from time to time to present a program for individual schools and/or organizations.

The students' willingness to take time out of a busy school year results in excellent workshops/dialogues that allow Summit County high school students the opportunity to come together in a forum and discuss racial/cultural problems and issues of the day. Our limited budget does not allow for a staff that would equal the effort put forth by the 22 volunteer members of our Coming Together Teen Board. Participants are able to hear and consider the views of others and learn to respect opposing views. It also allows them to offer these workshop/dialogues at no cost to the participating students or the high schools.

Submitted by Donna Pulling, Director of Education & Public Relations, Coming Together Akron

H. M. Life Opportunity Services

Kylie Pennell
Bradley Stadleman
Stephanie Smith



H.M. Life Opportunity Services
206.75 hours

Kylie Pennell, Bradley Stadleman and Stephanie Smith volunteer at H.M. Life Opportunity Services two hours every Monday. They assist not only with toddler care, but they also assist school age children with homework and tutoring.



Kylie Pennell, Stephanie Smith and Bradley Stadelman

Their volunteering assists the staff and enables parents to attend weekly life skill group meetings with the knowledge that their children are safe and engaged in a worthwhile activity.

Bradley has been with H.M. Life Opportunity since 2002; Stephanie, since 2003; with Kylie coming aboard in 2004.

*Submitted by, Karen Stambaugh, LSW, Admissions/Volunteer Coordinator
H.M. Life Opportunity Services*

H. M. Life Opportunity Services

**Corie Craddock
Cassie Ausperk
Brittnay Snyder**

**H.M. Life Opportunity Services
97 hours**

Corie Craddock, Cassie Ausperk and Britatny Snyder volunteer at H.M. Life Opportunity Services two hours every Tuesday. They work with toddlers and pre-school children, playing games and teaching with flashcards. They also tutor school age children and help with homework.

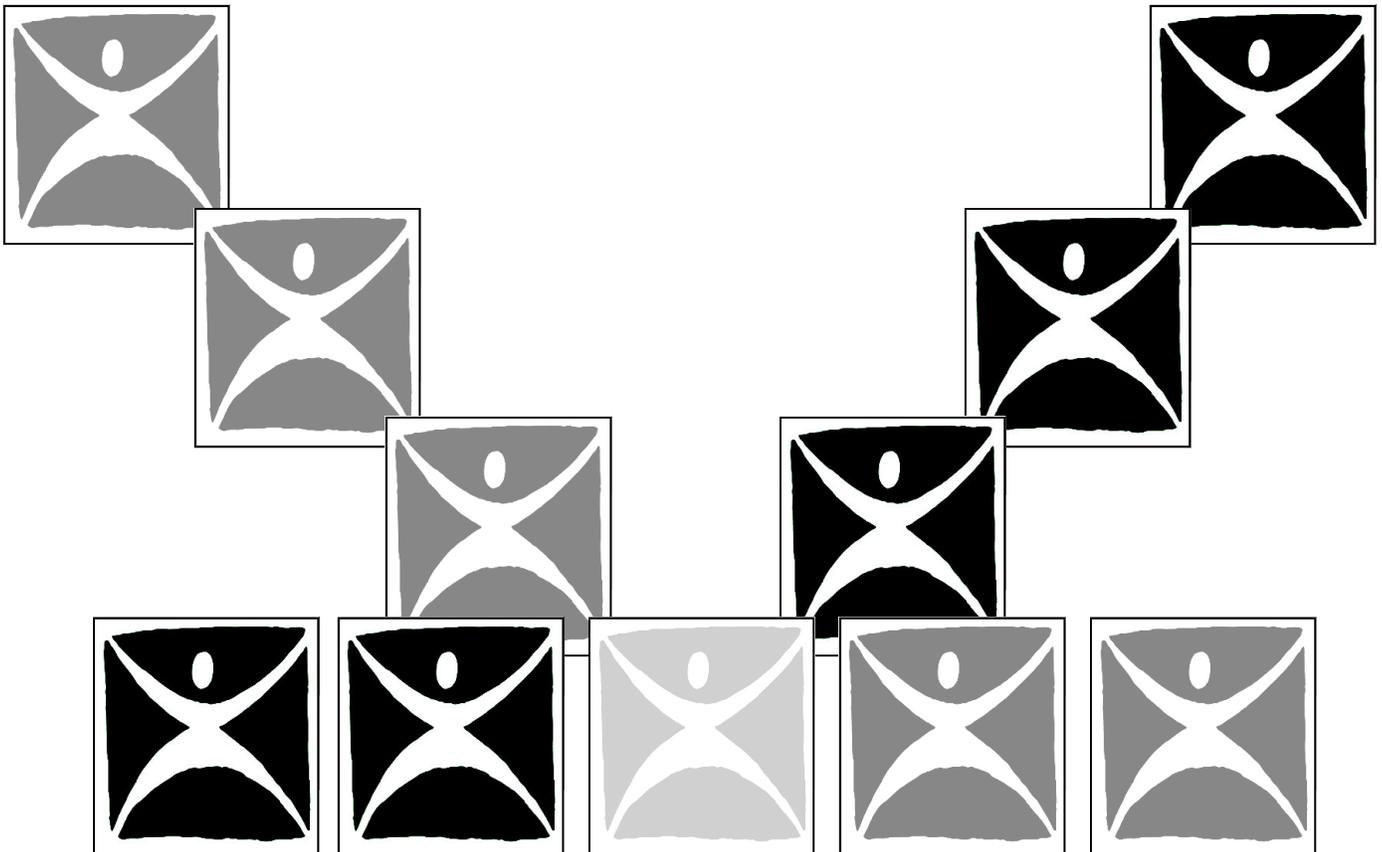


Corey Craddock and Cassie Ausperk

Their volunteering allows parents to attend weekly life skill group meetings knowing that their children are being cared for by competent young people.

Brittany and Corie have been with H.M. Life Opportunity since 2003. Cassie started volunteering in 2004. Together they have served 97 hours.

*Submitted by, Karen Stambaugh, LSW, Admissions/Volunteer Coordinator
H.M. Life Opportunity Services*



School's In Program

Grace Agbo
Rodney Atkins
Tabitha Belinge
Candace Braham

Karen Brown
Steve Butz
Tiffany Castro
LaTavia Crawford

Delshawn Davis
Earl Flinn
Theo King
Jamaal Robinson

Dion Stephens
Pascual Stewart
Krista Trimble
Marving Watts

Akron Community Service Center & Urban League 30-40 hours each

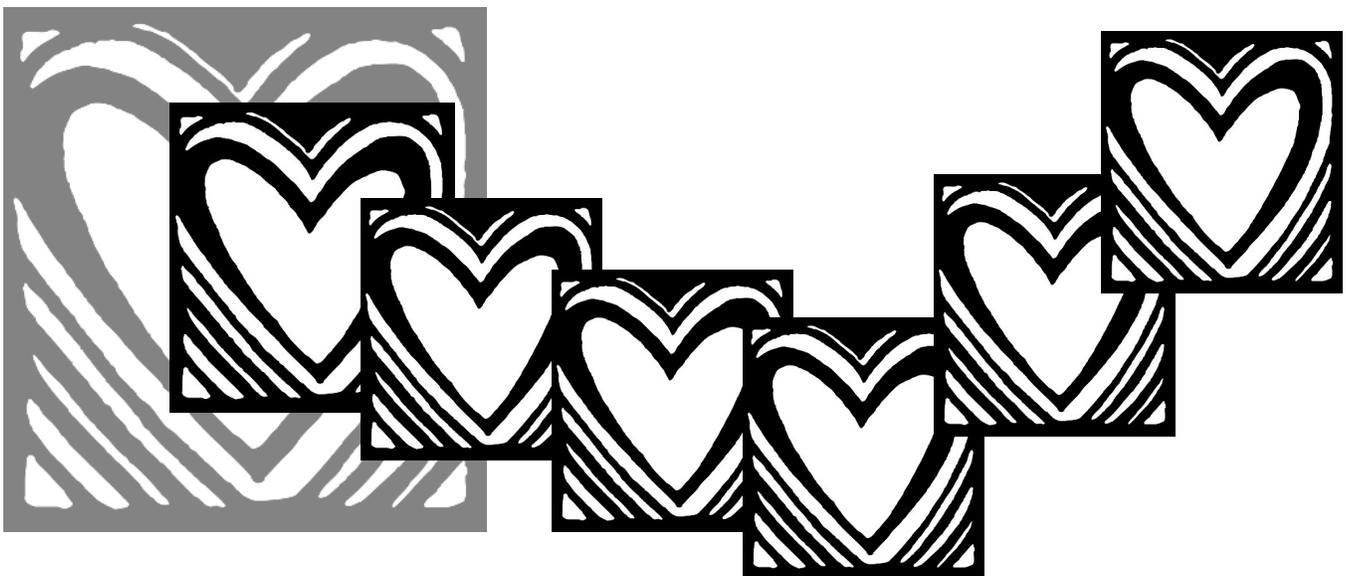
The School's In students are involved in a G.E.D. program, job readiness training, and life skills instruction, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The age group ranges from 16 to 21, with an average age of 17. From time to time, these students are called upon to assist the Urban League staff with volunteer activities, and do so with no hesitation or complaints. They have volunteered for many of the annual events (Dining with Santa, senior activities, and mass mailings), among other tasks and events.



The students' volunteerism allows staff members to focus on the more pressing aspects of a task or event, while the smaller details are handled. These young people are special because they are volunteering from the heart and are not required to do so. They cheerfully perform the duties and tasks, and often come back to serve as volunteers on their personal time.

They all show exceptional character and in some cases have overcome huge obstacles to remain involved in the program. The Urban League values their time and willingness to participate voluntarily.

Megan Mills, Job Developer, Akron Community Center & Urban League



Williard Food Pantry

Megan Buschko
Austin Ewing
Marsena Ewing
Samantha Fallucco
Amy Farmer
Collen Furman

Rob Glass
Megan Gossett
Kevin Herbruck
Mike Herbruck
Sarah Kokomoor
Emily Leslie

Jack Leslie
Kate Loar
Molly Loar
Jordan Marciniak
Dasha Marshall
Andy Myers

Kaelen Nothnagel
Kali Nothnagel
Kenzie Nothnagel
Jessica Rector
Allison Rowe



Williard Food Pantry 750 hours

The volunteers of the Williard Food Pantry unload trucks, stock shelves, replace soap, put together food orders for families, and pack bread orders. They also stock Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Their volunteerism has allowed adult volunteers to take the summer off and it also afforded the pantry the opportunity to help more families during the crucial times of the year when food is needed most.

In 2004, the pantry helped over 1700 families and more than 6,000 individuals. The 63 young people volunteered a total of 750 hours at the Williard Food Pantry. They each contributed over 20 hours of their own time. They came from seven high schools, two middle schools, and none are actual members of the church that operates the pantry.

Charles Dorow, Director of Operations, Williard Food Pantry



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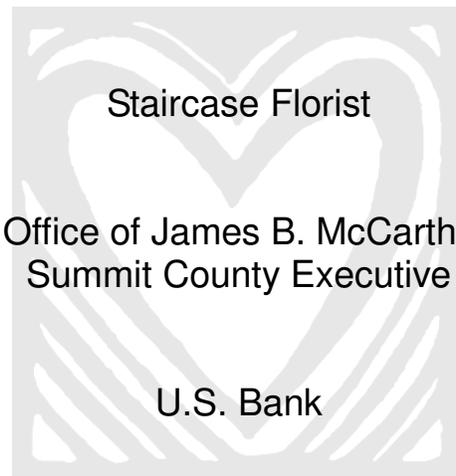
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Proclamation

To The People of Akron:

Whereas: The future of our community, our state and our nation depends on the type of young people we raise to handle the affairs of tomorrow. It is the duty of all citizens, parents and youth organizations to develop a proper attitude among the young people of our community, and to provide them with the right examples, environments and opportunities; and

Whereas: The City of Akron is pleased to join the 17th Annual Celebration of National Youth Service Day in partnership with Parade Magazine and many national organizations; and

Whereas: Among the national partners are the United States Conference of Mayors, Points of Light Foundation, National League of Cities, YMCA & YWCA of the USA and Youth Volunteer Corps of America. 2005 sponsors are State Farm Companies Foundation, General Motors Corporation, AT&T and Verizon; and

Whereas: The Annual National Youth Service Day (NYSD) will bring together three million youth volunteers to serve their communities through thousands of service projects. Akron is proud of the 228 volunteers that are being recognized this morning.

Now, Therefore: I, Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 15, 2005, as:

“NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY”

in the City of Akron with special thanks to our local sponsor US Bank, Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick, and I continue to encourage our citizenry to participate in the festivities on this great day and urge all area youth to become involved in their cities to help build a brighter tomorrow.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed hereto this 25th day of March, 2005.

**Mayor
City of Akron**