



Battelle Team

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SERVICE PARTNERS

Linden McKinley High School
1320 Duxberry Ave
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City Heroes Program
Saturday High School leadership
development and community
service learning program

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heroes Graduation
Saturday May 30th, 2009

City Year Columbus
Graduation
Thursday June 18th, 2009
North Bank Park

EVALUATION CORNER

The City Heroes have served
approximately **5,570 hours** this
year so far!

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Community Engagement



The Battelle Team, previously known as the City Heroes team, would like to extend its deepest gratitude to Battelle. The work of the City Heroes will be greatly enhanced through this new partnership.

Read Across America Day

On February 27 the Battelle Team celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with over 500 Columbus elementary school students. Read Across America Day, also known as RAAD, is a day celebrated across the United States honoring the late Dr. Seuss and his work. The Battelle team had the opportunity to take time out of their day at Linden McKinley High School to travel to Africentric and Hubbard elementary schools, and were joined by Ohio Treasurer, Kevin Boyce and the Director of Community Engagement and Education, Tei Street. Boyce and Street took time out of their hectic schedules to give back to their Columbus communities, reading to the students at the Literature Based School at Hubbard.

Heroes Showcase

The King Arts Complex graciously opened its doors to the City Heroes and Young Heroes programs to hold our first ever "Heroes Showcase." On this night the Heroes explained to their family, friends, and community members what they have been doing for the past 5 months. Each Heroes team presented their achievements as well as the personal achievements of each Hero. Heroes and their families enjoyed a night full of food, coffee, and talent.

Street Life Overnight

Over the course of the year, the Battelle Team holds two overnights for the Heroes. Recently, the second overnight, which was held in the end of March, was a huge success. The topic for the weekend was Street Life, which hit home for many of the Heroes. They discussed issues such as gang violence, drugs, rap music, and the juvenile justice system. The Heroes had the opportunity to engage in conversation with prominent members of their communities through panel discussions and presentations. Brittini Rogers, a City Year Alumna spoke about her experiences in a gang, and what convinced her to change her life and move in a new direction. Summer Moynihan, Coordinator of the Tussing Block Watch, leads an organization of regular community members that responded to an increase of crime in their area by taking action. Mario Martin with SavesNet and Mark Jackson with the Alvis House both spoke to students about the dangers of gang activity and the repercussions of their actions. The Heroes truly were inspired throughout the entire weekend.

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Anthony Geraci

Corps Member + Team Sponsor Liaison

CORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Anthony Geraci

Anthony grew up in Chesterland, Ohio and attended West Geauga High School where he graduated in 2004. He attended the Ohio State University where he received a bachelor's degree in both English and Journalism in 2008. He currently serves at Linden McKinley high school in Columbus, Ohio.

There were many instances and moments during his college career that led Anthony to take this path right from graduating college. Most of his time spent at OSU was devoted to service. He was a board member of Habitat for Humanity at OSU where he not only worked in the Columbus area, but also building houses in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. He realized during his last years in college, that his life would have to take a path in the non-profit arena in some way or another. City Year finally was an avenue he could take that encompassed his passion and commitment to service.

Service has been the cornerstone of his years in college and the ability to take that sentiment into City Year has been the best option for him thus far. During his experience with City Year he hopes to not only to have a positive effect on the youth but he also hopes to grow in leadership and in the realm of non-profits. He hopes that even when his commitment to City Year is over, his connection with the students and youth in Columbus never fades.

Youth Serve-A-thon April 25th, 2009



On April 25 more than 200 community volunteers joined City Year corps members for City Year Columbus' second annual Youth Serve-a-Thon presented by Huntington Bank. Similar to a walk-a-thon, volunteers created teams, set fundraising goals and then collected pledges for their participation in a day of service. City Year corps members planned, organized and led volunteers in 14 projects throughout the day.

This year, City Year Columbus selected Indianola Middle School as the service site for Youth Serve-a-thon. Indianola Middle School is the oldest public junior high school in the country, celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. City Year Columbus has strong ties with Indianola Middle School; during the founding year in 1994, service was held at the school during City Year's annual convention.

Kicking-off at Indianola Middle School with breakfast and coffee provided by Einstein's Bagels, Au Bon Pain, and Starbucks, Youth Serve-a-Thon was a huge success. Joined by local leader, Representative Dan Stewart, volunteers were pumped up for a powerful day of service. Partner volunteers from Frito Lay, Kohl's, Huntington, JPMorgan Chase, local churches, City Year alumni, friends and family, Young Heroes and City Heroes participated in the day. Together, volunteers:

- Painted 4 four-square courts;
- Beautified school hallways with pennants of Ohio colleges and university, and with a music mural;
- Beautified entrance ways to school by painting doors school colors, mulching and landscaping, spreading more than 20 cubic feet of mulch;
- Refurbished the school courtyard – renaming it the centennial courtyard and painting a mural in dedication of this;
- Removed grass and weeds to create a sand volleyball court;
- Planted 10 trees around the whole school along with many flowers and bushes;
- Painted room numbers above every classroom inside the school

Starfish Story By Anthony Geraci, Corps Member

Camp City Year was like a breathe of fresh air for me. Working with high school aged students has been rewarding in the least, but there is something about a young child that can brighten your day. I had the privilege to teach a class of first grade students at Heyl Elementary where seven year-old Joshua happened to be in my class. Joshua was one of those students with the biggest heart as well as the one kid who always asked a million questions. While we were walking down the hallway one afternoon, Joshua turned his head up to me and said "Mr. Anthony, what are we going to do next week?" I had to painfully reply to him that camp was only a week long. Then with a frown followed by the biggest smile on his face he said "I wish Camp City Year could go on forever!" Upon hearing this I felt gratitude and appreciation like I had never felt before. Joshua, like so many other students, was experiencing camp in the exact way we intended him to. They were learning about so many places across the United States while having fun at the same time. When it came time for me to say goodbye to Joshua at the end of the week, it was hard to hold back tears. This child encompassed all the ideals of why I joined City Year. There are children of all ages in need of our time and commitment across Columbus, and it was my honor to be able to spend time with him and my entire class.

