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STUDENT QUOTE

“The only time I have fun after school is when I come [to Starfish Corps].”

- Naomi, 3rd grade

UPCOMING EVENTS

Linden STEM Field Day

Tuesday June 2, 2009

Signature Service

June 15-16, 2009
Habitat for Humanity

City Year Graduation

June 18th, 2009
North Bank Pavilion

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Lasting Legacy: Community



Service projects and events are the backbone of City Year and what it stands for. They help us make a visible difference in the community while simultaneously improving the quality of life for community members and showing the world that we're not afraid of hard work – in fact, we like it!

Service

It was about the beginning of May that the CSX Team decided that it would be good to hold another Care Package Construction event, like the one held on December 8. Children assembled care packages and completed fun activities at stations. Afterward, packages were donated to the Children's Hospital in downtown Columbus.



The Local Heroes 6th grade program planted 10 trees on the front lawn of Linden STEM Academy. The students wanted to leave at their school that would last a lifetime. The trees were planted in memory of school librarian, who passed away after many years of service. The Starfish Corps, 3rd grade—5th grade, planted flowers and learned the importance of taking care of the environment.

Parent Involvement

The Return of Family Movie Night, held on March 19. Students and family were treated to popcorn, cookies, and juice while they enjoyed watching Disney's "Hercules." A fun time was had by all, and requests for a third movie night have been rolling in ever since!



Service Project

Our last major service project was held on March 25, in which the Local Heroes left a legacy for the future. The Local Heroes sprang into action on the 25, showing that they care about the appearance of their community by taking on a fun and messy service project: tree planting! In all, ten trees were planted out front of Linden STEM Academy.

Read Across America Day

On February 27, 2009 City Year Columbus took a break from the rigors of recess, mentoring, and after school programs to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Read Across America Day is an annual event with the hopes of having every child in America read to by an adult. The CSX Team held activities for Kindergarten– 3rd grade, making green eggs & ham with the students.



Camp City Year

Each year during Columbus Public Schools' Spring break, City Year holds a day camp for elementary school students. The camp sites this year were Windsor STEM Elementary and Heyl Elementary. Each grade level represented one major city of our United States, including Miami, New York, Chicago, and New Orleans. Our goal with camp was to open the eyes of our campers to the world around them, keep them engaged in various enrichment activities, make sure that their spring vacation was well spent, and allow them to have FUN!

CORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Colleen Campbell



Colleen Campbell is currently serving at Linden STEM Academy in Columbus, Ohio. She is 19 years old and graduated from Bishop Watterson High School in the class of 2008.

Colleen loved growing up in Clintonville; with so many caring neighbors and plenty of kids to run around with. As a teenager she began to get more involved in service. Colleen learned so much in the hours she spent serving and she truly enjoyed what she was doing. When senior year rolled around, the college search began. Somewhere in the back of her mind the experiences and love for service were still there. Finally, Colleen was looking up different ways to help pay for school when she came across City Year. She found out she would be tutoring and mentoring children on a regular basis, as well as doing other service in the community. She knew that this program would open so many doors for her, especially giving her a better perspective of future career opportunities.

During Colleen's service year, she hopes to gain understanding of the world around her. She can only hope to make a difference in a child's life by being a positive role model as well as simply caring for them. After completing her first service year with City Year, Colleen will be returning to serve a second year as a Senior Corps Member at Linden STEM Academy.

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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 Nick Wright, Corps Member

Coreyana can be a tough student to tutor sometimes; she gets upset over small things pretty easily, can be quite distracted, and is one of the most stubborn people I've met in this lifetime. We get along well, but we've always been sort of at-odds with how to approach one another.

On Monday morning in the last week of March, Coreyana was particularly distraught and difficult to deal with. Everything set her off into threats and aggressive behavior. I was tempted to put it all behind and send her back to class and bypass the inevitable storm that awaited, but as we were leaving the restrooms I noticed that she was crying. As it turned out, Coreyana's uncle had been in a terrible fire the day before. Even after the next-door neighbor pulled him from the fire, he still passed away overnight.

I understand what it's like to lose someone very close to you, and I was stunned that Coreyana was even at school let alone coping with the grief enough to sit through class. I made sure to tell Coreyana that I was sorry for jumping to conclusions and being impatient with her. I then gave her two options: to either go back to class and rest up, or to continue our tutoring session. She chose to stay with us for tutoring on the grounds that she wanted to talk with me, Uzenzile, Zahria, and Savannah some more about it. By the end of the session, I believe that it helped her a lot, and I am proud to be there for Coreyana.

