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Highlights from the Red Nose Day Team serving at Oak Ridge



JOYS

- We are grateful to connect and remain close as a team despite being far apart during remote service
- Although we miss being on campus, our team is thankful to be able to support our students in virtual classrooms during distance learning

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY ALANA SMITH



During my first week of school, I was nervous about building relationships with my students. I wondered if students would like me or just think I was lame. The first few weeks of class were tough, but there was one student that I immediately connected with. We quickly built a relationship and would greet each other with a hug.

She was a smart student, but was involved in drama within her friend group, which would sometimes sneak its way from the cafeteria and into the classroom. On days when she was disruptive in class, I would take her for a walk to discuss healthy ways to express her emotions. We spent many class periods talking about what she was feeling while working together on her assignments. One day, she said “Ms. Smith, I would never come to this class if you weren’t here.” At that moment, I realized that I was worried for no reason – my students just needed someone to care about them. My starfish student never gave up on my ability to be a good City Year, and I will never give up on her potential as a student!

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Patricia was born in Maine and grew up in Seminole, FL. She attended the University of South Florida where she received a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Patricia chose to serve with City Year to help others succeed and know that they have someone that believes in them. She wants to be the kind of person for her students that she needed during school. During her year of service, she has gained confidence in her decision making and learned that she accomplish great things with the support of others. After City Year, Patricia plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career as a school psychologist.

THE TEAM

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