



# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 3

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the Heart of Florida United Way Team Serving at Maynard Evans High School



### JOYS

- Movie Day with School Buddy Ms. Shamiya was a success!
- We did a team building activity called Life Maps so everyone could get to know one another a little more in depth!
- After-School Tutoring is becoming increasingly popular and we are getting to impact students beyond our classrooms

### STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY TALYA FROST



I met my Trevor\* during my first year of service. He was in my eighth grade math class and something about how he carried himself caught my attention. We began to work together on the assignments and clicked right away. He would always make a point to say hello and we would talk about many things beyond math. As I got to know him, I could see he was a student with his head and heart in the right place.

Despite being moved to a different class for second semester, we would catch each other in the hallways and maintained our bond. I decided to return to City Year for another year of service and was placed at Evans High School. On the first day of school, I was excited to learn that Trevor was in my math class again. We had not talked since last year, but it was incredible to pick up right where we left off. He is my starfish because every time we get to talk beyond math, I get to see a glimpse inside his mind and all the greatness he can achieve. He has a stronger, healthier perspective on life than many adults that I know. I have learned just as much from him as he has from me, and for that reason, he is my starfish. \* = Student Pseudonym

### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mariah Wilson is a proud team member serving at Evans High School. She serves in a ninth and tenth grade English classroom. She is from Apopka, FL and attended South Florida State College. Mariah joined City Year shortly after falling in love with the mission of supporting students where they are at. She did not have a great high school experience and was that student who needed a City Year. She serves to do her best to fill the need. Mariah believes that if you want to make change you have to start with yourself. Her best experience during service this year was when she collaborated with her staff to celebrate the Evans High School team and throw them a team appreciation lunch. After her service year, Mariah plans to get her cosmetology license and become a self-made businesswoman.

### THE TEAM

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|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Talya Frost        | Helen Hines      | Jakob Namon   |
| Kat Daniel-Jimenez | Manoucheka Louis | Mariah Wilson |
| Nyeisha Frett      | Yuleimy Latouche |               |

### UPCOMING DATES

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| <b>APRIL</b> | <b>MAY</b>                   |
| FSA Testing  | Last Day of School           |
|              | City Year Orlando Graduation |



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