



CITY YEAR ORLANDO

2021-2022 YEARBOOK

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If I have seen
further
than others,
it is by standing

on the
shoulders
of giants.

– ISAAC NEWTON

SHOULDERS

of
GIANTS



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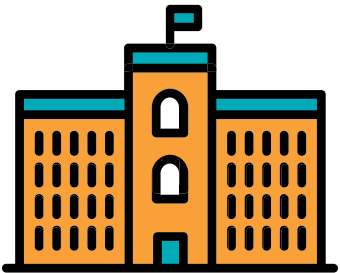
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OCPS PARTNER
SCHOOLS SERVED

CATALINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



EILEEN O'CONNELL
Catalina Team Leader
"I am beyond grateful for all the giants who I have gotten to know throughout this year of service. It takes a village to support one person. We are not here to do this thing called life by ourselves. It is through one's interactions with others that we find ourselves. To my family, friends, my team, my IM, to impact village and the rest of staff: I say "THANK YOU."



VAL FEIJO
Catalina AmeriCorps Member
"This year I have met so many giants. These giants have helped guide, nurture, and support the person who I am today and the person I will be tomorrow. No amount of "thank yous" will be enough to express what these giants have done for me. Their wisdom and knowledge is something that I will take with me as I continue my career and my journey to become the best version of myself that I know I can be. I also hope to instill this wisdom and knowledge to those I will meet in the future, whether they be students, friends, or family. As I leave City Year this year and get ready for the next steps, I know I can and will become a giant and, as a giant, make my own giants proud."



SAM JUSTICE
Catalina AmeriCorps Member
"City Year creates ripples of change. This concept, simultaneously, can be both encouraging and challenging. We are part of a great legacy here at City Year Orlando. For ten years we have served this community. We devote our time, energy, and hearts to our work. We don't merely show up, but show out every single day. Our impact, however, is limited. My service year is exactly that - a year. Nonetheless, the work I am doing now is contributing to a mission that hundreds of Corps Members have rallied behind before me. I am just one link in a chain that follows behind myself and soars ahead of me. I have learned to proudly stand on the shoulders of giants. We are sending tiny ripples of change out into our community, and -when taken in aggregate- we can make the change we wish to see in the world."



NICK ROBERTS
Catalina AmeriCorps Member
"Knowing everything I've learned from those before me, especially in the path I wish to go down, I want to continue spreading the knowledge. Being a part of City Year has allowed me to spread my wings and spread that knowledge to everyone I've met. Knowledge is power, and we can learn so many things from so many people."



KAYLA SMITH
Catalina AmeriCorps Member
"The world is filled with giants all around. Some giants are kind, others are strong. Others are stern and loud. Some giants may very well be nothing but ordinary people who have built very large stilts during their journey. I want to thank the giants who can see over the clouds but are down to earth. The ones who share power, stories, compassion, empathy, and love. The giants who allow me to climb but provide a helping hand when I slip down three feet. The staff of City Year are the giants with stilts. The love City Year staff embodies has allowed me to build my stilts. Although I am not yet a fully equipped giant, I am on my journey to see over the horizon. I am now six feet standing in joy, seven feet standing in empowerment, eight feet standing in guiding others, nine feet standing in guiding myself, and ten feet standing in love for all."



ERNASIA SOUTHALL
Catalina AmeriCorps Member
"I have a lot of people to thank from the beginning, middle, up until the end. First I want to start by thanking my beautiful parents. They did a lot and paved the road for me to start my life. They have given me such a good life and also gotten me where I am now. I want to thank all the people who have helped me in every work place I have been in, mostly City Year. I wouldn't have thought I had these different opportunities when I came here. I want to take all the things I have learned and developed over the 10 months I've been with City Year. I also want to thank my accountability partner. She helped me change and grow as a person. Our talks made me have an ease and a peace of mind. I will take with me EVERYTHING I've learned, noted for myself, and what others took their time out to teach me."

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1.6K+
STUDENTS SERVED
BY CYO ACMS

JONES HIGH SCHOOL ECCLESTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



VANESSA COKER
Jones AmeriCorps Member
"I came to City Year ready to put into action all of the passion I have for social justice. I have built relationships with students, teachers, and community members that will impact my perspective on leadership and service for years to come. My favorite part of this year will always be giving a voice and a safe space for my students to express themselves. We all belong to this community, bound by service, and we give each other the strength to 'live to serve another day.'"



KADE FERNANDEZ
Jones AmeriCorps Member
"Everyone has mentors and teachers before them who help them see the achievements that they talk about are possible."



MACAYLA MITCHELL
Jones AmeriCorps Member
"I have confidence in myself to achieve any and all goals I set. Like Sir Issac Newton, I have a growth mindset. He aimed for higher goals. He saw more for himself than what was in front of him. I believe Sir Isaac Newton pushed himself to achieve more."



ADRIA MOLINA
Jones AmeriCorps Member
"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants," was said by Sir Isaac Newton. To me this quote means that to broaden your horizons and mindset, you have to elevate your mentality and your way of being in order to "see further" and be successful in what you are doing. That includes hearing out different perspectives that you may have not ever heard or thought of before."



LAMAR JAMES
Eccleston AmeriCorps Member
"The people in my life, the giants who paved the way for me to strive, are the ones I should be thanking. I should be thanking them not with just my words, but also with my actions. It means more to me than just standing on the knowledge that is passed down; it means to gain a new perspective on things that I do."



KEYANNI MCGILL
Eccleston AmeriCorps Member
"We need individuals in this world. Nothing can be done alone. The power of teamwork is so essential in the progression of growth and development. Other people will give insight and knowledge that you may not have and share light on different perspectives. It's okay to collaborate, and it challenges us to learn more."



MICHAELA STUBBS
Eccleston AmeriCorps Member
"In life, humans need guidance and truth. And in order to achieve that level of truth, you need someone or something to give you different perspectives in life. You can't thrive or survive in this world without guidance."

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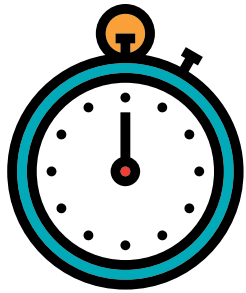
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137K+

HOURS SERVED
IN THE 2021-22
SCHOOL YEAR

JUDSON B. WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



RACHEL SANDS
Walker Team Leader

PITW #51 Operate with purpose and pride. We are all working towards a mission of building a stronger community and country through national service. We should always seek to operate with a powerful sense of purpose and pride. Purpose and pride are a major source of positive power — especially for young people — as they deeply inspire and lead others, even the casual observer. Specifically, it means operating with a positive attitude and powerful appearance, body language, and courtesy.



SOFIA ACOSTA
Walker AmeriCorps Member

"I am a product of those giants who fought for my place in education and nurtured an environment for creativity, critical thinking, confidence, and learning. Those mentors within my community, like OCPS, Americorps, and City Year, have helped support me in my journey to becoming a giant for another student who is like me."



FRANCISCO MONES
Walker AmeriCorps Member

"The thought of success is scary for many people. In order to overcome the fear, most people work extremely hard to get good at just one thing. The fear for success will eventually become pride. It is in that sense of proudness that people often misinterpret their journey as one of only challenges and struggles. Appreciating the insight and value that others provide is something that can enable success at an accelerated rate. The exponential growth caused by a flurry of influences and advices tends to also give the biggest sense of accomplishment. I think that by appreciating everyone's contributions and insights, true progress and success will come."



MANISHA WARRIER
Walker AmeriCorps Member

"I learned about City Year from those who have been there before me. I am grateful for the experience I had during my time and the advice from my network. I feel like serving my time at City Year has helped me get one step closer to finding my purpose in this world compared to before I started. Just like how City Year inspired me to keep going, I hope that I can be an inspiration to someone who struggles with finding out their path."



GLORIMAR RIVERA
Oak Ridge AmeriCorps Member

"I feel like throughout my life I have stood on giants before me. They have given me perspective on life in ways I would have never known without them. I want to be that giant for many. Life is a crazy thing to navigate. I want to be the giant to support, teach, advise, and guide others through life. Whether it be my younger sisters and brother, my students, a friend, or possibly a stranger, everyone needs a giant in their life. And maybe one day our littles can be giants to someone else."



ROSEMARY SALAZAR-CONDE
Oak Ridge AmeriCorps Member

PITW #173 "I'm ready, choose me." All social change depends on individuals who declare themselves to be ready, who step forward and take initiative, who volunteer to take on the tasks at hand. Don't let hesitation, inertia, or fear, hold you back from stepping forward boldly. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I shall pass through this life but once. Any good therefore than I can do or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I may not pass this way again."

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12K+
DOSAGE HOURS
TRACKED WITH
STUDENTS

MAYNARD EVANS HIGH SCHOOL



YULEIMY LATOUCHE
Evans Team Leader
"I am where I am because of parents who were immigrants of this country and became citizens who left me with the choice to go further than they have gone in their lives. My life is a reward and harvest of their lives' sacrifice."



BIANCA ABELLO
Evans AmeriCorps Member
"Giants are all around us. We can learn and grow, From all the people who surround us, Learn from what they have seen. Continue your journey with what you have learned."



VICTOR HOLLIS
Evans AmeriCorps Member
"My parents are my giants because they have provided me with all they could do so that I could see further than they did."



CATISHA JOSEPH
Evans AmeriCorps Member
"Throughout my journey as a young professional, many people have contributed to the way I carry myself when I enter a room. From my mother and mentors to professors and older siblings, each have taught me how to view the world and the importance of community. They have helped build an understanding that there is something I am called to do with the time I have here on Earth. I'm certain that the group of students I've come across this year have felt my passion and support toward their success. Without a doubt, this same desire to serve students in a community that is important to me will transpire to the fashion industry, where I will help continue to break barriers."



JULIA NUNES
Evans AmeriCorps Member
PITW #78 Your commitment brings about the commitment of others. When it's a good cause, and you have committed yourself entirely, people will come out of the woodwork to help you. The poet W.H. Murry wrote: "Until one is committed, there is hesitancy — the chance to draw back — always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative and creation, there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans. The moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision — raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents



TATIONA SCOTT
Evans AmeriCorps Member
"My people- Black people- have come a long way for me to be in the position I am with the opportunities that are afforded to me. My ancestors had their entire way of life ripped from them and were forced into slavery. They kept going. They fought for their freedom. Fought for equality. Fought to vote. Here I am now with all of these rights because of them. My ancestors are my giants."

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1.2MM+
HOURS SERVED BY
CYO ACMS SINCE 2012

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



JOENDIE BONILLA
Memorial Team Leader

PITW #101 The ideal service metaphor is to act like “water.” What kind of institution does City Year seek to be? In building your part of City Year, remember that the Tao Te Ching, a two thousand year old Chinese text credited to Lao-Tzu, tells us that the highest form of leadership is like “water” — it seeks the lowest level so that it touches and connects all things; it moves around great barriers that it cannot go through; it acts as a solvent on things that are stuck, and it makes good things grow.



JULIA HERLIHY
Memorial AmeriCorps Member

“Going forward I am so grateful to have met these wonderful people and built these amazing friendships. I will always remember that “when you get caught in the impact zone, you need to get right back up because you never know what’s over the next wave.”



JAVIER ROSARIO-HEREDIA
Memorial AmeriCorps Member

“I could not be where I am if not for all the people in my life who pushed me to become the man I am now, and I continue to be pushed to excellence so that I can become the giant who helps push others.”



HANNAH THEISEN
Memorial AmeriCorps Member

“My students are all amazing people who inspire me and help me learn new things every day. It’s through their kindness, strength, humor, and frustration that I strive to be the best version of myself.”



JO ANN WOOD
Memorial AmeriCorps Member

“I feel so fortunate to be where I am today. I could not have achieved what I have without the teachers, professors, mentors, role models, friends, and family members who have been integral to my success. They have encouraged me to work hard, inspired me with their lives, and have allowed me space to rest and reflect when I have needed it. I have been honored to work with City Year this year to offer this same type of assistance to my students, and I hope to continue to do this type of work throughout my life.”

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29K+
TARGETED STUDENT
INTERVENTION
SESSIONS

MEADOWBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL



MACHEAL RICHARDSON
Meadowbrook Team Leader

"Knowing that I plan to continue surviving and thriving, I am very thankful to all my support networks for lifting me up to get a clear view of what I wanted for my goals and aspirations. With an expanded view of the landscape I call life, I choose to help navigate and lift up others for the success they seek."



LYDIA CALLAGHAN
Meadowbrook AmeriCorps Member

"Throughout my life I have been aided by those before me: my parents, my mentors, my teachers, my role models, and those who have dedicated their lives to equality to those like me. Those around me have fostered spaces so that I may thrive and learn about myself, so that I may be better prepared when I entered my adult life. This cycle will continue, and I am forever grateful for those who have helped me. I strive for relationships with any and all people in the future, so that I may help them as well. I hope to take my accumulated knowledge and make the change that I believe needs to be done in the world to further the opportunities and level of equality for those who may follow me."



RA'SHON HAMILTON
Meadowbrook AmeriCorps Member

"In reflecting on the shoulders of giants - I believe this quote is speaking upon the achievement one has made through their own in life and experiences."



NICOLE MAY
Meadowbrook AmeriCorps Member

"I see myself as a constant learner, even after leaving school, and I believe that students start their journeys on the shoulders of giants. Students, myself and the students who we work with, feel better supported to learn in their own way once they start on the shoulders of giants. I have many people in my life who I must thank for supporting me and letting me onto their shoulders. With that support, it made it a natural thing for me to lend my shoulders for other students when I can. I truly believe that it is important for learners to start on the shoulders of giants, and it also prepares them to become the shoulders new learners can stand on."



ALIA TRAIL
Meadowbrook AmeriCorps Member

"I thank God for setting my path while in my mother's womb! Before I was even born, the doctors pronounced me to be mentally disabled, but God had different plans for me. Without his love and grace that he has given me, I wouldn't be completing my year of serving a cause greater than me. I choose to give the rest of my life to serving my community around me and to show love and grace towards others as God has shown me."

THE RED JACKET

The iconic City Year jacket is the signature piece of the City Year uniform and a fundamental symbol of our service and values. Thirty thousand young people have worn the City Year jacket. For the students and schools we serve, it signifies hope and inspiration, caring and support.



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City Year helps students and schools succeed. Diverse teams of City Year AmeriCorps members provide support to students, classrooms and the whole school, helping to ensure that students in systemically under-resourced schools receive a high-quality education that prepares them with the skills and mindsets to thrive and contribute to their community. A 2015 study shows that schools that partner with City Year were up to two-to-three times more likely to improve on math and English assessments. A proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network, City Year is supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service, local school districts and private philanthropy from corporations, foundations and individuals. City Year partners with public schools in 29 communities across the U.S. and through international affiliates in the U.K. and South Africa.



NATIONAL STRATEGIC PARTNERS



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