



# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

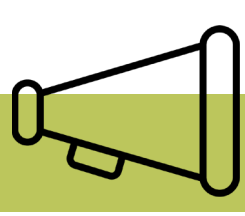
## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 1

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the team serving at Meadowbrook Middle School



Heart of Florida United Way



### JOYS

- The school year is off to a great start and we are enjoying getting to meet all the students on campus!
- Our team has enjoyed working one-on-one with students supporting them to building their skills and strengths



### STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY LYDIA CALLAGHAN



My starfish student is generally a very quiet and unreceptive student. I have tried many different ways over the last few months to get to know her during class but nothing seemed to work. She did not want any suggestions or encouragement I had to offer when it came to her classwork. After being very consistent, I am happy to share that this

past week I was finally able to get through to her. Her preferred aide was busy and I was able to really work with her and guide her through her classwork for the day. This small little moment of breakthrough was the bright spot made my week! I look forward to working with my starfish more and cant wait to see how much she grows.



### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sophia Wolf is a proud AmeriCorps member serving on the Heart of Florida United Way Team at Meadowbrook Middle School. She was born in Minnetonka, MN and graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a degree in Social Work and Theology. Sophia gained experience in a school setting during college as a social work intern which is what led her to join City Year. As she serves to support 6-8 graders in a Reading

class, her driving passion is working to close the academic achieving gap. After City Year, Sophie plans to enroll attend graduate school for social work and become a licensed clinical social worker.



### THE TEAM

Machael Richardson  
Nicole May

Lydia Callaghan  
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Sophia Wolf

### UPCOMING DATES

#### OCTOBER

- Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer
- United Nations Day
- Red Ribbon Week



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