

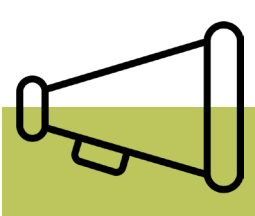


# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 3

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the Red Nose Day Team at Catalina Elementary School



### JOYS

- One of our teammates received their offer letter to serve a second year at CityYear Orlando!
- We had a great team day at Universal and were able to ride the new Velocicoaster together for the first time!
- Two of our teammates have already met the required one-on-one time with students!



### STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY SAM JUSTICE



\*Leah was a tough girl. My first week with \*Leah was a very challenging one. When asking her to focus, I was met with a snappy "I don't care" or "this is stupid." I was at a bit of a loss as to what to do. After supporting her through a conflict with another student in her class our relationship started to change. The next day, I was power greeting with

my team, and I greeted Leah and she gave me a hug. I was shocked. This was the first time she expressed any kind of emotion toward me. Then it happened again, and again, and again. Changes started to happen in class too. Instead of "I don't care" and "This is stupid", I was met with "Can you help me?" and "I don't understand." She began to take interest in her academics, and I was so proud of how far she had grown. It turns out that the girl who I thought was so tough just needed someone to be on her side. \*=Student Pseudonym



### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Val Feijo was born in Liberty, New York and raised in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Val joined City Year because they believed this would be the perfect opportunity to experience working in the classroom and gain some knowledge before they went to college for their teaching degree. They serve because they want to make a difference in the education system and City Year was the first step to achieving that difference. During this year's service, Val's passion for teaching and love for the students have grown, and to continue to grow their passion and love they have decided to return for a second year of City Year.



### THE TEAM

Eileen O'Connell  
Nick Roberts

Val Feijo  
Kayla Smith

Sam Justice  
Ernasia Southall

### UPCOMING DATES

#### MARCH

- Pi Day
- ELA of Excellence
- Attendance Competition

