



Do you  
*love service*

As much as we do at YVCHR?



We are excited to share with you all of the great things our youth volunteers have been up to since the start of 2017, despite the snowy weather we faced, and let you know about the projects we have coming up!



## Volunteer of the Month



We'd like introduce you all to our "Volunteer of the Month" Paula-Ann Robertson! She is a sophomore at Peninsula Catholic High School and joined YVC last year when a group of her friends told her about what a great program it was. From attending her first event,

Special Olympics Bowling, to now, Paula-Ann has served over 50 hours with Youth Volunteer Corps Hampton Roads and serves as a member of our Youth Advisory Board! Outside of YVC she spends her time playing sports, reading, watching Netflix and hiking. Following high school she sees herself studying medicine and continuing to help others.

Through YVC she says "I found that I loved volunteering because not only was it great work that I was doing but I was also having fun at the same time". Her love for volunteering led her attending our Summer of Service Camp this past summer. One of the stops of camp happened to be one of her favorite projects, serving at Gardens of Warwick Forest. She says what she enjoyed most was spending a couple of hours with

the residents in the dementia unit, playing floor soccer and just being there to get to know them, Paula-Ann says "it helped me to realize that the little things make the biggest impact on others".

In hopes of drawing more people to YVC, Paula-Ann and her friends started a new YVC club at Peninsula Catholic High. She wanted to share the great experiences she has had with YVC with other students in her school and the club has been off to a great start!

They have their second meeting coming soon and Paula-Ann has not been shy in recruiting new members, telling them "YVC isn't just your typical volunteer club – but an organization full of great people and great experiences".

We are so proud of all that Paula-Ann has done with YVC, other dedication to service and making our community better with each day! Congratulations Paula-Ann!



## Keepin' Busy Even on the Off Days!



This month we have had a lot of great projects! We kicked off the month at BREATHE Respite, where our youth volunteers played games, did yoga and hung out with people with special needs. We also served at the C. Waldo Scott Center for Hope, making dragon crafts and playing educational games with the kids. Our volunteers were able to help the Newport News City Science Fair run smoothly; in addition to getting a lot of planting and feeding of the animals done over at Blue Bird Gap Farm in Hampton!

We are especially thankful for our youth volunteers that chose to spend their days off from school this month making a difference in our community. Some spent MLK Jr. Day raking and cleaning up the grounds of the Menchville House, a family shelter, and others packed out 240 meals for the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank's "Mobile Meal Program"!

We are grateful to all of our volunteers and their commitment to bettering our world!



**YVC Club Shout-out!**



Our YVC shout out this month goes to Grafton Middle School! They put in time, a great deal of creativity, a lot of love and encouragement into making cards and letters for our Service Members!



### **Upcoming Projects!**

**[\\*Click here to sign up!\\*](#)**

**Special Olympics Bowling: February 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**

**Crafts at the Lydia Roper Home: February 4th**

**Valentine's Day Breakfast at VA Medical Center: February 11th**

**\*Parents are encouraged to join\***

**YVCHR "Day of Encouragement": February 18th**

**Special Olympics Basketball: February 18th & 25th**

**Peninsula Rescue Mission: February 20th \*FULL\***



**"Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service."**

**- Mother Teresa**



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