

# Youth Advisory Board

## Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) of Reading



The Youth Volunteer Corps of Reading's *Youth Advisory Board* is a group of exceptional youth volunteers that meet on a regular basis to offer the vital youth perspective on YVC program operation, develop members' leadership skills, identify relevant issue areas on which to focus youth volunteer efforts, and more. Our Youth Advisory Board is comprised of two to three 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students from a variety of school districts around Berks County. Being a part of this Board is an excellent way to cultivate personal and professional growth, become aware of community issues, learn to work more effectively in teams, practice leadership skills and initiate community change.

During the 2016-2017 school year, Youth Advisory Board members led 8 service projects that positively impacted hundreds of individuals in our community. Projects included serving Thanksgiving dinner to those in need, assembling toiletry bags for the homeless, packing healthy food jars for shut-ins, remodeling work at a homeless shelter, coordinating a backpack supply drive for veterans, celebrating diversity through a student-led art exhibit, and helping middle school students address student stress.



“Through my involvement with the Youth Advisory Board, I have seen that even at an early age you can make a difference in the lives of others within our own community.”

- Ella H. (right)  
10<sup>th</sup> grade student  
Youth Advisory Board Member  
Governor Mifflin High School

“Through my interactions with YVC projects, I've learned that being different is good. Diversity is a major characteristic of our country as a whole. Once we accept each other's differences as individuals, and really embrace them, our success is limitless.”

- Jeffrey S. (left)  
11<sup>h</sup> grade Student  
Youth Advisory Board Member  
Reading High School



Youth Volunteer Corps of Reading and its Youth Advisory Board are hosted by VOiCEup Berks. For more information on how to become part of the program, please contact us [ChristieB@VOiCEupBerks.org](mailto:ChristieB@VOiCEupBerks.org) 484.706.9364 [www.voiceupberks.org](http://www.voiceupberks.org)

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