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Our Mission

To promote individual and community growth by connecting people and organizations with meaningful volunteer and service learning opportunities

May 14, 2018

Dear Counselor:

Greetings from the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) of Reading hosted by VOiCEup! YVC is an international network of affiliated organizations across the U.S. and Canada that create volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service.

We are actively seeking 9th-12th grade students from all area schools to serve on our Youth Advisory Board (YAB) for the 2018-19 school year. Over the past two years, students from nine school districts (Berks Catholic, Exeter, Fleetwood, Governor Mifflin, Muhlenberg, Reading, Schuylkill Valley, Wilson, and Wyomissing) have participated in leadership activities, team building, and several community service projects throughout the county.

This year, our goal is to have YAB members that represent all county districts. Typically, the YAB meets twice a month on Sundays (September-April) for approximately 2 hours. Service projects may occasionally occur on other days during the year.

Together, this youth leadership team develops meaningful service projects in areas about which youth are passionate. In addition, this team will create action plans, recruit peers, learn about and develop relationships with community partner organizations, lead "Day of Service" events, and have fun...all while creating positive community change.

We are asking our area guidance counselors to distribute the attached YAB application to high school students who are interested in service and have shown a commitment to their community. Applications will be accepted until **June 12, 2018**. We look forward to receiving applications from your students. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

"Being a part of YAB was such a rewarding experience... I was amazed at how much my peers and I were able to accomplish. We grew as leaders in our community, and we truly made a difference for those who are less fortunate than us. Most importantly, we learned how to take initiative on the things we were passionate about."

– Paige Cincinnati, Wilson student and YAB member

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Kuhn".

Rachel Kuhn

Director, Youth Advisory Board, YVC of Reading

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