

YVC Quarterly

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YVC Happenings

We're excited to unveil our new YVC logo! Coming up on our 25th Anniversary (which is officially June of 2012), we wanted to show how YVC has changed—and what remains the same—in 25 years of organizing youth volunteer projects. This was an extensive and well-thought-out process, so we're very excited to finally begin using the new logo!

The bright colors symbolize the youthfulness of YVC, and the five points of the youth star represent the diversity and teamwork central to YVC projects.

It's going to be an exciting year for YVCKC. With five full-time Team Leaders and one part-time intern helping to supervise projects, we're on track for our biggest year yet!

In School Projects

Since not all Kansas City youth can easily get rides to After School, Saturday or Summer YVC projects, our In School program serves as a way to bring volunteer opportunities directly to these youth.

We have begun six different In School partnerships this year with a variety of schools and youth shelters, and each looks different:

Fairfax Learning Center: YVCKC is teaching a service-learning class at this alternative high school in the Kansas City, KS school district. The 11 students in the class are learning about human rights, leading up to a related off-campus service project.

Blue Valley Academy:

Students at this Blue Valley district alternative school started their year of service with an all-school volunteer day at Wyandotte Park.

Sumner Academy: Juniors and seniors in the International Baccalaureate program can participate in the service club at this college-prep school in the Kansas City, KS district. The group meets weekly to plan monthly off-campus service projects.

Synergy Services: YVCKC teaches a service-learning lesson two days a week at this homeless youth shelter, then leads the group on a related project once a week.

Horizons High School: YVCKC is beginning a service-learning club at this alternative high school in the Shawnee Mission School District.

Schlagle High School: YVCKC is exploring the possibility of launching a service club here, which would be the first time YVCKC has had a partnership with a traditional public school.



Sumner students chose to begin their year by making cards for school support staff who often go unappreciated.

Fall 2011

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Saturdays of volunteering

Youth Volunteers have been taking advantage of the beautiful fall weather to get outside and improve the community! This year we are offering three to four projects every Saturday, so that 40 youth may serve each weekend.



Six volunteers spent the morning working at Rosedale Community Garden on Oct. 1. Between clearing brush and winterizing crops, they learned about community gardens firsthand.

Did you know...

YVCKC youth served 10,297 volunteer hours this summer, which is 15% more than summer 2010!

YVC at a Glance - Fall 2011

	Number of Youth Volunteers	Number of Projects	Number of Agencies Served	Number of Youth Volunteer Hours
Total 2009-2010	838 (unduplicated)	403	65 (unduplicated)	14,889
Total 2010-2011	939	407	77	16,585
School year 2009-2010	693	361	54	5,970
School year 2010-2011	793	367	71	6,284
Summer 2010	208	32	25	8,910
Summer 2011	239	40	28	10,297



The After School Project at Pet Connection was once again the first project to fill up this year! The roster will rotate at the semester to allow for new volunteers to participate.

Saturday Projects August and September

Sanctuary of Hope
Grahovac's Army of Volunteers
Parkville Nature Sanctuary
Deanna Rose Farmstead
Cross-Lines
Harvesters at the Renaissance Festival
J-14 Enterprise
Mattie Rhodes Art Center
Habitat ReStore (Heartland)

'Youth Speak Up' on YVCKC blog

This fall we launched a new YVCKC blog to stay connected with our supporters and honor our Youth Volunteers. Head on over to www.yvc-kc.blogspot.com to read posts by Team Leaders and our three newly elected Journalists from the Youth Advisory Board (YAB).

One of the Journalists, 17 year-old Hannah, wrote this after September's YAB meeting which addressed the issue of philanthropy as a lifestyle:

"Saturday happened to be the most uplifting experience for me to this date. Learning of all the different ways to help and be informed really helped me determine the course I am going to take in my life...I came away from that meeting on a philanthropy high!"

Go to www.yvc-kc.blogspot.com to read the rest of Hannah's story.

Congrats to Thomas Tong for completing 1,000 hours!

Thomas Tong, who has been volunteering with YVCKC since 2005, completed 1,000 hours of volunteering with YVCKC at the end of last school year.* This is the most a single YVCKC volunteer has ever served!

Thomas is now studying at the University of Kansas, so we miss his presence on YVC projects! We're excited to see the impact he'll have in college and beyond.

"The community has given much to you, the least you can do is give back to it," Thomas said. "YVC is a group I will never forget, even when I'm a grown man. YVC for life!"

**He completed his thousandth hour at a spring break project at on March 16. Since then, he's increased his grand total to 1,105.5 hours!*

