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## City of Charleston to Offer Summer of Service Events for Local Youth

**Charleston, S.C.—**Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) of Charleston will hold a Summer of Service series of service projects, leadership development opportunities and team building events for local youth between the ages of 11 and 18, beginning Monday, June 28, 2021 and ending Sunday, August 8, 2021.

The Summer of Service events are focused on providing tools for youth to be successful as they navigate middle and high school, and to encourage them to become leaders in their communities.

A new event will be introduced each week in a combination of virtual and in-person formats. The in-person service learning opportunities, such as litter sweeps and gardening and construction projects, are scheduled to begin in late July.

**How to participate:** In order for youth to participate, they must complete the Youth Volunteer Profile and Parent Waiver, or have one on file with YVC of Charleston.

Youth can register for individual events by visiting https://chsyouthorg.com/yvc/volunteering-programs/.

All youth will earn volunteer hours for their participation.

**What they're saying:** "The summer is a great time for youth to make a difference in their community while gaining valuable job skills and having fun," said Jennifer Gorham, City of Charleston Youth Programs Coordinator. "Serving with YVC of Charleston is more than just a summer activity—it can help youth develop lifetime passions for service and explore career opportunities."

**Learn more:** For more information on the Summer of Service, please contact Jennifer Gorham, City of Charleston Youth Programs Coordinator, at gorhamj@charleston-sc.gov.

Parents can also sign up to receive the weekly Summer of Service newsletter highlighting upcoming events here: https://forms.gle/9k6ZDnqvSTF8eMCu7.

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