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Youth Volunteer Corps of Charleston Receives Top Honor

Charleston, S.C.—Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) of Charleston was recently named a Gold Level program, one of only 14 YVC programs throughout the U.S. and Canada awarded this honor. Created in Fall 2015 as part of the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, the YVC Charleston program offers volunteer opportunities for more than 250 youth volunteers who serve more than 1,500 volunteer hours each year.

"YVC is paving the way for YVC programs all over the U.S. and Canada," said David Battey, founder and president of YVC's headquarters, located in Kansas City. "The program has had such a profound impact on both youth volunteers and the community they're serving."

YVC Headquarters works with each YVC Affiliate to ensure that they are serving the youth and their community in the best way possible. The Gold Level rating goes only to the very top YVC programs that serve as stand-out examples for how the program can serve its community.

Mindy Sturm, director of the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, said, "We are honored to receive this distinction for our YVC program and all of our hardworking youth volunteers. YVC Charleston has already done great work throughout our community, and we look forward to seeing everything that our youth volunteers will accomplish in the years ahead."

Last year 150 youth served a total of 1,280 volunteer hours with YVC in Charleston, helping out at places like retirement homes, soup kitchens, animal shelters, parks and more.

For more information on YVC Charleston and how to get involved, visit: http://yvccharleston.wixsite.com/yvccharleston.

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