



Come **Celebrate!**

*at the
Youth Corps Graduation Celebration!*

May 7

7:00-8:15 p.m.
Columbia Conference Center
169 Laurelhurst Avenue, Columbia



Experience the joy, the excitement, the thrill of accomplishment in the lives of these students and our community. Hear from the students themselves and catch why some say, "This has impacted me more than anything else in my life!" Come out and *feel* the unleashing of young leadership and experience

an unforgettable evening of encouragement!

Unleash

the **LEADERSHIP** of a Young Person

... and shape our community's future!

Students can still apply for Youth Corps!

Last round of interviews will be on May 29. We receive calls all the time from parents who say, "How come we never heard about Youth Corps?" We do our best to get information out to all the schools but word of mouth is still the best marketing tool out there. If you know a rising 9th or 10th grader who is Youth Corps material, send them to

www.youthcorps.net

to download an application for the 2012-13 year and tell them to get it in as soon as possible.



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The Return on Your Investment!

The following appeared in the program for the Youth Corps Luncheon but for those who were not able to make it to that event, it is reproduced below and is worth reading to see what you are accomplishing.

Maegan is a student who went through Youth Corps in 2009-10. She has gone on to start a club at her high school called Helping Hands. On her own, she has recruited other high schoolers to go out and get involved in their communities. Here is a recent email we received from her that shows the impact of your investment:

Dear Youth Corps,

"I miss Youth Corps so much and all the incredible experiences the organization has taught me. It opened my eyes to all the people that need help out there. There will never be enough people helping the community and I decided to take on that by doing the club Helping Hands. It's very difficult trying to keep it together, baba. But I have become so confident in taking on that leader role and it's a lot easier for me to talk in front of people. I love it, and I love helping the community. It makes me so happy to know I'm helping the community in some kind of way. We are still trying to get everything organized which is very hard. My dad has told me you talked to him just recently and it makes me feel special you are concerned with my club. I just wanted to thank Youth Corps for showing me that the world needs so much help out there. Today I participated in Special Olympics and I was the group leader and helped out with Spring Valley's and Blythewood's special program. It's an amazing experience to see those kids smile when they have people cheering for them and playing games with them. I have also planned to get my club to go to the protection league animal shelter this Sunday to help clean the shelters and spend time with the animals and I have also gotten everyone to make candy bags for the people in the nursing homes.

I love helping the community and thank you so much for opening my eyes to stop only caring about myself, but start helping the community!

It's so much fun! If you do have any pointers on easier ways to get more people involved, that would be great!"

- Maegan Clark

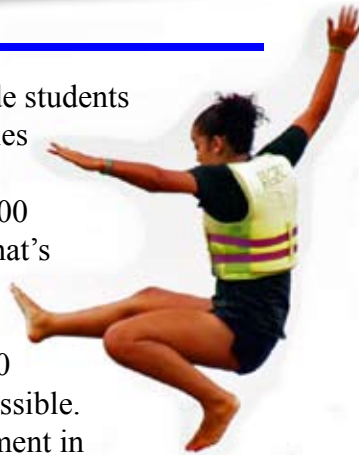


Maegan in the action (top) and up on a ladder, in the rain, battling the spiders in the window sill, all while restoring an elderly woman's home during her Youth Corps year.

The Impossibility of Youth Corps

2011-12 Class prepares to give back over \$2,800 to various nonprofits

A group of 9th & 10th grade students does over \$28,000 in gross sales in the Business & Economics module? And then gives \$2,800 of their own money away? That's impossible. 9th & 10th graders put a new roof on an elderly woman's home by 3:00 in the afternoon? That's impossible. The list goes on. Your investment in young lives unleashes them to stretch out for the impossible... and reach it.



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