



Advancing **new** Leadership



T W E N T Y Y E A R S O F I M P A C T

Our Five Core Values



Collaboration

The ability to facilitate, negotiate, build consensus, build strong teams, and empower others.



Continuous Learning

The ability to question assumptions and beliefs, understand strengths and shortcomings, and commit to continued growth within a community context.



Diversity & Inclusion

The ability to work effectively and inclusively with different people and understand how to adapt to different cultures and environments.



Focus on Assets

The ability to catalyze the natural leadership of everyone, be truly accountable to those served, and approach opportunities for change with awareness of community assets.



Integrity

The ability to meet commitments, act responsibly with public and personal trust, and be accountable for words and actions.

Our Vision

A more just and equitable society for all.

Our Mission

Public Allies advances new leadership to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation.



Founder's Message

A message from the Public Allies Delaware Founder and Founding Director:
Suzanne Sysko, M.D. & Tony Allen, Ph.D.



So there we are in the 1994, sitting in a one-room office in downtown Wilmington, getting to know each other. We are both Delaware public school kids who grew up maybe five miles apart and recently graduated from James Madison University and University of Delaware respectively. One of us is 24; the other is 23. We are meeting for the first time and talking about the difference we want to make in the world.

One of us was taking a year to prepare for Medical School. The other was a bit more pedestrian, deciding whether to become a lawyer or a writer. If you knew his grades at Delaware, neither could have been possible at that time. As they continue talking, they both rail against the popular notion that twenty-somethings of that time only wanted the material things in life, putting themselves first and community a distant last.

We believed that people — particularly young people — come alive when they are helping others. Doing for others satisfies something deep within us and if nurtured and cultivated, could be a primary part of who we are. With that spirit, and a little adult supervision from most notably Sonia Sloan and David Sysko, Public Allies Delaware was born.

We were a part of burgeoning national movement funded by a new program from the Clinton Administration called the Corporation for National Service, popularly known as AmeriCorps. While President Clinton called this effort the Domestic Peace Corps, the seeds of AmeriCorps emerged from President Bush's 1,000 Points of Light. Bi-partisan at their core, AmeriCorps and Points of Light were based on an identical concept —re-imagine the ethic of faithful, committed public servants that continues to make our country great. Public Allies is just one demonstration of that proud legacy, critical in its impact on the national service movement in Delaware and beyond.

When Public Allies started in Delaware 20 years ago, it was one of just five locations in the nation. In every case, the objective was to find a diverse group of local young people, who wanted to learn about themselves while doing good for others. The design was simple: participate in a 10-month apprenticeship in a local nonprofit where the Allies work four days a week and then come together every Friday to build their personal and professional development skills. In addition, Allies work on a group project that lasts far beyond their term of service. They identify a problem facing the local community and co-create a project. Allies generate actual solutions to local neighborhood challenges. After the Allies complete the program, provide them with an educational award to use to either pay back student loans or pursue another or —in many cases — their first degree.

Here's what's happened next...

The Three Public Allies Program Components

#1 Apprenticeship

We offer full time 10 months paid apprenticeships in nonprofit and public agencies where Allies create, improve and expand services with measurable results. Allies are provided the opportunity to gain “real world” experiences in a supportive learning environment while building organizational capacity.

#2 Leadership Training

Allies receive rigorous leadership training from community leaders, professional consultants, and nonprofit and corporate executives helping Allies to develop a wide range of skills, knowledge and abilities. Allies gain skills in communication, critical thinking, nonprofit management, appreciation of diversity, conflict resolution, personal accountability, and recognition of community assets.

#3 Team Service Project (TSP)

TSP provides Allies an opportunity to mobilize assets in a community and work productively with people from all walks of life. Allies learn how to identify community issues and build collaborative partnerships. A team works to implement a community’s idea for improvement, help facilitate the start-up or expansion of a community-driven, community-led project or program.

The Meaning of the Public Allies Logo



The Public Allies logo draws on Native American tradition to make a point about the impact that individuals can have on their world. The handprint represents the mark that people leave on their communities and on the people they touch in the course of their lives. The red swirl stands for the energy and idealism that drive people to serve their communities. The seven rays refer to a philosophy regarding the interconnectedness of the generations – the belief that an individual living today has been influenced by the three preceding generations and that the individual will go on to leave a legacy impacting the three generations to follow.

Public Allies Delaware Vision for Local Impact

Public Allies Delaware builds stronger neighborhoods ("Impact Neighborhoods") through extended partnerships with community-led planning groups to develop community leadership and increase civic participation. We support Impact Neighborhoods in accomplishing established goals and strategies by leveraging the Public Allies program components and network of resources.

Everyone fits into the attainment of this vision!

Current Allies Emerging local leaders apprentice with local nonprofits focusing their work on building the capacity of the organization, participate in a highly intensive nonprofit leadership training program and engage in a hands on community development project located in an Impact Neighborhood.

Partner Organizations Government and nonprofit organizations hosting allies are increasing efficiency, effectiveness and widen the scope of their services in, but not limited to, Impact Neighborhoods. Nonprofit capacity is being built.

Public Allies Delaware Alumni Council An organized group of Public Allies Delaware Alumni bring leadership experience, resources and conduct service projects focused in Impact Neighborhoods. Alumni have the opportunity to further development through national and local pilot projects. In Delaware, alumni will soon have the opportunity to expand the reach of Public Allies' mission and its values through train the trainer experiences. This will allow alumni to deploy to civic and for-profit groups providing community leadership and civic engagement education to other "new leaders".

Public Allies Staff Public Allies staff members coordinate ally training and learning sessions; provide coaching and support to allies, alumni and partner organizations; and connect key stakeholders by coordinating the team service project experience in Impact Neighborhoods.

Foundation and Corporate Funders Public Allies Delaware partners with local funders, neighborhood groups and nonprofits to explore collaborative funding opportunities, and leverage funding by reducing duplication of services.

Team Service Projects Teams of Allies are partnering with Impact Neighborhood groups on focused community projects, to provide hands on community development experiences.

Board & Founders Council There are board seats reserved for representatives from each of the Impact Neighborhoods, allowing board actions to be asset driven. Board appointments will further increase civic engagement and leadership development of the members.

University of Delaware Center for Community Research and Service Public Allies is an AmeriCorps program of the University of Delaware Center for Community Research and Service. CCRS Staff support the community development efforts of Public Allies Delaware. Currently, the Center is exploring how participation in the Public Allies Delaware program can become a credit bearing experience.

Training and Learning Facilitators Facilitators provide leadership and community development training to Allies throughout their term of service to prepare them for the application piece of their experience.



CLASS OF 1995

Team Service Project

Established a mentorship program between Delmarva Power and Bancroft Elementary school, creating an Adopt-A-School Handbook to sustain it.

Tammy Dennis	<i>Girl's Inc (Project Pride)</i>
William Dilenno	<i>Institute for the Development of Human Resources</i>
Kenneth Green	<i>Homeward Bound</i>
Salimata Linguer	<i>Christiana Cultural Arts Center</i>
Joseph Matassino	<i>Wilmington 2000, Inc.</i>
Mary Kate McLaughlin	<i>Institute for the Development of Human Resources</i>
Leslie Minor	<i>Homeward Bound</i>
Nadine Messam	<i>Delaware Center for Horticulture</i>
Rahiib Moody	<i>Jackson Street Boys and Girls Club</i>
Allen Newsome	<i>Edgemoor Community Center</i>
Jane Poppiti-Scott	<i>Food Bank of Delaware</i>
Andre Prichett	<i>Wilmington Cluster Against Substance Abuse: UD</i>
Tarron Richardson	<i>Wilmington Cluster Against Substance Abuse: UD</i>
Tonya Richardson	<i>Interfaith Housing Delaware</i>
Anne Tallman	<i>Fraim's Boys and Girls Club of Delaware</i>
Diane Teti	<i>West End Neighborhood House</i>
Sonya Tull	<i>Wilmington Cluster Against Substance Abuse: UD</i>
Amy Willner	<i>Delaware Technical & Community College</i>





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Team Service Project

Designed a Youth Employment Seminar curriculum for area community centers.

Partnered with Habitat For Humanity of New Castle County, revising their volunteer program.

Developed a mentoring program to support Delaware State prison system inmates in their community re-entry transition.

Created a mentoring program guide with an arts focus to address the needs of "at-risk" youth in the Wilmington area.

Wesley Branch	Institute for the Development of Human Resources
Ayanna Brown	UD Center for Black Culture
Khawand Canty	Haneef's African Festival Parade Committee
Kenneth Green	Homeward Bound
LaToya Kalili	Southbridge Neighborhood House
Salimata Linguer	Christina Cultural Arts Center
Joseph Matassino	Wilmington 2000
Robert McFee	Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center
Lisa Peck Hernandez	Girls Inc. of Delaware
Melissa Peters Espinal	Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council
Denine Pritchett	Girls Inc. of Delaware
Kimberley Reuter	Edgemoor Community Center
Aaron Shapiro	SODAT-Delaware, Inc.
Karin Willner	Layton Home for Aged Persons
Carolyn Zwaskis	Delaware Center for Horticulture

innovative





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Team Service Project

Worked with Henrietta Johnson Medical Center to create a staff policy manual.

Recruited young fathers, aged 16-24, into the Strengthening Young Parent Families.

Partnered with Delaware Perinatal Board to address teen health issues.

Created a stress management program to enhance the health of youth in the School Age Child Care program at Edgemoor Community Center.

Danielle Brown	Southbridge Neighborhood Health
Nnamdi Chukwuocha	Bayard House
Christopher Griffin	Delaware Hospice
Sharon Hill	Project for Domestic Violence Reform
Mark Johnson	Rose Hill Community Center
Marcia Lis	SODAT-Delaware.
Robert McFee	WHYY-TV 12 Wilmington/Philadelphia
Renay Mercer	Christina Cultural Arts Center
Alyssa Middleton	Homeward Bound
Michelle Miller	St. Paul's Catholic School
Rahiib Moody	Jackson Street Boys and Girls Club
Kimberly Reuter	Newark YWCA
Mary Slater	Western Branch YMCA
Robert Slavis	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Trina Stanford	Girls Inc. of Delaware (Operation SMART)
Barbara Steiner	Delaware Futures
Randye Talbert Culley	YWCA King St. WCEO/Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center
Chantel Vanderhost	Girls Inc. of Delaware (Project PRIDE)

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CLASS OF 1998

Team Service Project

Partnered with
Wilmington Housing
Authority to offer
information on higher
education options to
students.

Zathray Beard	Christina Cultural Arts Center
Colleen Bell	Girls Inc. of Delaware
Becky Bower	Home of Divine Provident Inc. (Bayard House)
Kevin Connell	Meals on the Wheels DE
Ray Gordon	Jefferson Street Child Care Center
Tanya Haman	Meals on Wheels (Kent/Sussex)
Takeisha Isler-Harris	First State RC & D Emergency Home Repair Project
James E. Leary	Delaware College of Art & Design
Jennifer Leister	Food Bank of Delaware
Rebecca Merritt	SODAT-DE
Erastus Mong'are	VAPP, Inc./AIDS Delaware
Lara Olchvary	Homeward Bound
Ashley Pease Hession	Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council
Lisa Peck Hernandez	St. Paul's Catholic School
Beth Ross	Community Housing Inc.
Lisa Toccafondi-Shutt	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Chantel Vanderhost	Delaware College of Art & Design
Dwayne Wallace	First Step Child Care Center

active





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Team Service Project

In partnership with Volunteers for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, the Class of 1999 established the "Life Savers program: 31 Days of Flavor, a Lifetime of Prevention". Their project included coordinating the Janice Jordan Memorial Basketball Tournament, implementing information centers and educating cultural decision making in health promotion via teen summits throughout New Castle County, Delaware.

Jody Berwick	First State Community Loan Fund
Tynisha Dorsey	Volunteers for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (VAPP)
Thomas Ellis	Volunteers for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (VAPP)
Vincent Hernandez	Kalmar Nyckel Challenge Program
Amena Johnson	Girls Inc. of DE & Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council
Rebecca Johnson	WHYY TV-12 Education Connection Project
William Johnson	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Danzel Little	WHYY TV-12 Education Connection Project
Carey Manza	SODAT-DE
Jennifer Miller	Wilmington 2000
Patti Miller	Supporting KIDDS
Vandana Shetti	Delaware Futures
Mary Slater	City of Wilmington
Nicole Walker	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Tameka Warner	Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware





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Team Service Project

Partnered with Small Business Development Center Network, First State Community Loan Fund, and Wilmington Economic Development Corporation to inform lower income Wilmingtonians on pathways to entrepreneurship.

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Christina Andrews	New Castle County Cooperative Extension
Beatrice Cruz	Lutheran Community Services
Yolanda Davis-Stewart	Delaware Futures/Christina Cultural Arts
Shannon Eachus	DE Adolescent Program, Inc. & Communities in Schools
Thomas Ellis	Grand Opera House
DaQuan Gibson	Small Business Development Center
Melissa Gossage	Food Bank of Delaware
Kelley Heck-Mello	ACLU - Delaware
Martha Kim	Supporting KIDDS
Eric Lomax	Kalmar Nyckel Challenge Program
Carey Manza	YMCA Resource Center
Ivan McGhee	Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware
Tari Mitchell	Wilmington Economic Development Corporation
Rich Normington	American Red Cross
Walter Nyandiba	WHYY-TV 12
Carlos Pla	First State Community Loan Fund
Nathan Ulrich	Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Michelle Williams	College Resource Center
Sorcha Wool	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware





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Team Service Project

Partnered with Summer of Respect and AIDS Delaware to create the Peers Achieving Change Together (PACT) program, which uses drama to educate high school students about AIDS and trains some of the teens to become PACT peer educators.

* Project PACT is fully operational to this day. Continues to be sustained by AIDS Delaware, 13 years after a team of Allies created it.

Jason Colatratio	Junior Achievement of Delaware
Yolanda Davis-Stewart	Delaware Futures/Christina Cultural Arts
Jennifer Dodenhoff	ACLU Delaware
James Gadsden	Creative Grandparenting/Summer of Respect
Jay Garman	College Resource Center
Dormisa Graham	Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. - Kent County
Natika Hartsock	Catholic Youth Ministry
Roger Hesketh	Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc.
Sandra Hoy	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, Inc.
Jazmaine Sharpe	Creative Grandparenting/Summer of Respect
Michelle Strain	Boys & Girls Club of Western Sussex/BBBS
Melissa Watson	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Shannon Woodloe	Delaware Adolescent Program Inc.
Amy Wyatt	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Margaret Zak	La Esperanza





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C L A S S O F 2 0 0 2

Team Service Project

Partnered with Read ALOUD and Girls, Inc to engage girls in reading and raise awareness about literacy.

Helped the Urban Environmental Center update their gardens.

Partnered with Soroptomist Club and Boys and Girls Clubs to build a playground.

Worked with Habitat For Humanity to help reorganize and enhance their Wilmington headquarters operations.

Partnered with Christiana Cultural Arts Center by organizing special activities for preschoolers.

Partnered with DAPI to offer Mother's Day activities to the teens in the program.

Heather Beutler	Boy's and Girl's Club/Big Brothers Big Sisters
Marcia Boyer	Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council
Bryant Carter	Children and Families First
Tiffini Coverdale	SBM Gateway House
Nicole Dye Anderson	Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
Emily Falcon	AIDS Delaware
Dawn Ferguson	Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council
Consuelo Gonzales	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Alea Heder	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Paul Heder	Milford Boy's and Girl's Club
Markus Johnson	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League
RJ Lucciotti	YWCA of New Castle County
Kim Siegel	ACLU/ACLF
Rayna Smith	College Resource Center
Yalit Solano-Haskins	Delaware Futures
Yorel Stephens	Community Development Resource Center/UD
Angela Travers	American Red Cross of Delmarva
Shante Watson	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League

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C L A S S O F 2 0 0 3

Team Service Project

Partnered with Sojourner's Place to educate on domestic violence and homelessness.

Worked with the Community Legal Aid Society to offer outreach on tenants' rights.

Planned a resident dance for the Stockley Center.

Beautified the grounds of the Pepper Ridge Community Center.

Partnered with Friendship House and Clothing Bank of Delaware to promote poverty awareness.

Cleared out invasive species at Brandywine Park trailways.

Partnered with AIDS Delaware on community outreach efforts.

Coordinated The Catholic Community of St. Paul School's Mexican Pride Day.

Mary Andrews

Norkia Baker

Stacey Blackwell

Pamela Borkowski

Tiwanne Ellison

Sarah Forbes

Kanani Hines

Abigail Horn

Nicole Johnson

Amanda Klunk

Beth Miller

Lemuel Miller

Charlene Mondell

Christine Peck

Alma Kristina Rodriguez

Paul Rosenstein

Christopher Waters

InterFaith Mission of Sussex County

Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League

Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition

Food Bank of Delaware (Milford)

Wilmington Renaissance Corporation

First State Community Loan Fund

Debnam House Community Center

Community Development Resource Center/University of DE

Delaware Zoological Society/Brandywine Zoo

YWCA of New Castle County

Girls, Inc. Kiwanis Branch

St. Paul's School

Delaware Futures

Kalmar Nyckel Challenge Program

Kuumba Academy

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C L A S S O F 2 0 0 4

Team Service Project

Facilitated a day of leadership training for residents of New Castle County Detention Center.

Engaged nursing home residents in a recreation day.

Increased awareness of families in transition, poverty, homelessness, and domestic violence situations with a Helping Hands Holiday Toy Drive.

Partnered with Thompson Island on park improvements and educational outreach about Nanticoke Indians.

Painted sensory mural for people living with disabilities at the Stockley Visitor Center.

Nina Bonano

Delaware Zoological Society/Brandywine Zoo

Dahniene Brady

Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware (HOND)

Mario Brady

Food Bank of Delaware

Tanisha Brown

Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition

Jennifer Bruhler

Sussex County AIDS Council

Erin Cummings

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Rashaun Davis

Delaware Futures

Bevin Gwiazdowski

National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ)

Cameron Haughey

Delaware National Estuarine Research

Kelly Hays

Ministry of Caring, Weed and Seed Program

Robert Justiniano

4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware

Amanda Murphy

Delaware Financial Literacy Institute/DE Money School

Dehn Oliver

Christ Our King Community Outreach Program

Azuree Parker

Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc.

Christopher Sullivan

First State Resource Conservation & Development Council

Alison Turse

4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware

Matt Webb

4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware

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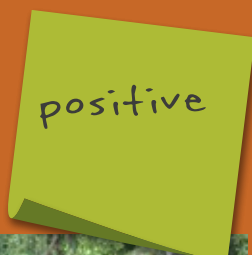
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Team Service Project

Created an intergenerational activity day pairing Absalom Jones Head Start preschoolers and senior citizens from the community.

Provided care packages, stress relief activities and makeover services for Sojourner's Place shelter residents.

Offered career advisement and team building activities to post-adjudicated youth enrolled at Project Stayfree.



Matthew Bailey	Kinfolk
Kenae' Boyer	Department of Education
Ian Buterbaugh	Habitat for Humanity
Christina Chiappine	Richardson Park Community Action Program
Nicole Cross	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
Erin Cummings	Public Allies Delaware
Rachel Dooley-Tucker	Delaware Nature Society
Brian Fagan	UD - Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship
Genelle Fletcher	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Cara Goeller	Delaware Money School (DE Financial Literacy Institute)
Nicole Goodsell	Brandywine Zoo
Kimberlee Gorgo	Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council
Toshiba Hayman	City of Wilmington
Evette Houston	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Nick Johnson	Delaware Futures
Matt Lauer	Jobs for Delaware Graduates
Tizzy Lockman	Serviam Media
Janohn Marria	Delaware Mentoring Council
Perry Price	City of Wilmington
Clint Saunders	Big Brother/ Big Sisters
Alison Selders	Public Allies Delaware
Jessica Snow	Fraim Center for Active Adults
Rachel White	Sussex County AIDS Council
Charles Wilson	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Tanya Wingate	AIDS Delaware
Jennie Yeow	Ministry of Caring
Melissa Zechiel	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware



C L A S S O F 2 0 0 6

Team Service Project

Provided presentations and workshops for teens at Camelot Residential Program for Boys.

Created a playroom for children living at Bayard House.

Coordinated cleanup and invasive species removal at Bellevue State Park.

Created and performed a variety of skits in local middle schools, educating on the dangers of domestic violence.

Ericcka Allen	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Daniel Amabile	UD - Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship
Bobbie Benton	Center for Community Justice
Alex Cannon	Brandywine Zoo
Dennis Caulk	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Kathy Cephas	AIDS Delaware
Mytia Clark	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
Amanda Cleary	Habitat for Humanity
Emily Cress	Sussex County AIDS Council
Brian Fagan	Serviam Media & Public Allies Delaware
Carson Henry	Delaware Futures
Elizabeth Heuer	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Rodney Hill	Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council
Brittany Johnson	Planned Parenthood
Regine Joseph	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Kristen Kemmet	Delaware Dance Company
Kathleen Kline	Ministry of Caring
Jane Lim	Parent Information Center
Quadia Muhammed	Delaware Money School (DE Financial Literacy Institute)
Emily Poag	Wilmington Renaissance Corporation
Amy Richardson	Women's Opportunity Link
Haneef Salaam	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Ashley Scott	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Andrew Soper	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Anna Tudor	Delaware Theater Company
Jennie Yeow	Public Allies Delaware



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Team Service Project

Worked with City of Wilmington Land Use & Planning to plant trees at Kingswood Community Center and nearby parks.

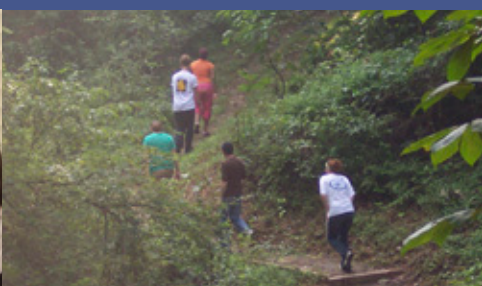
Educated seniors at Newark Senior Center about sexually transmitted diseases.

Mentored children with incarcerated parents in partnership with Churches Take a Corner.

Partnered with Eastside Renaissance Association to hold a Louis Redding Awareness Day fair.

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Mary Arena	First State Community Loan Fund
Sunaena Chhatry	Delaware Money School (DE Financial Literacy Institute)
Kristy Godfrey	Women's Opportunity Link
Matt Halterman	Delaware Zoological Society
Della Hoffman	Delaware Council on Economic Education
Shayla Jervey	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Tiffany Kimizuka	People Place - Center for Community Justice
Katie Kline	Public Allies Delaware
Michele Koppenhofer	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Alfred Lance	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League
Janohn Marria	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Sally Meyers	Salvation Army
Evan Miller	Family Court of Delaware
Christopher Moore	Christiana Care Community Outcomes
Brook Patterson	Delaware Theater Company
John-Paul Pelletier	AIDS Delaware
Kema Peterson	Planned Parenthood
Tiffany Reed	Alzheimer's Association
Ethel Sayles	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Atashia Walker	Pencader Hundred Community Center
Shari Williams	Wilmington Renaissance Corporation





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Team Service Project

Partnered with West End Neighborhood House and Food Bank of Delaware to conduct a food drive.

Worked with the Mary Campbell Center to help residents redecorate.



Courtney Brown	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Ashley Cuffee	Center for Community Justice
Antonia De Luz	Rodel Foundation
Jacque DiMattia	Delaware Zoological Society
Austin Egan	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Nivek Gahunia	Goodwill Industries
Kristy Godfrey	Women's Opportunity Link
Shawn Hinton	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Twanna Howard	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Julia Janes	DCRAC
Shayla Jervey	Goodwill
Amy Loder	Delaware Financial Literacy Institute
Morgan Meszaros	Delaware Theatre Company
Shaquona Meyers	Women's Opportunity Link
Christopher Moore	Christiana Care: Community Outcomes Department
Kiandra Parks	Wilmington Renaissance Corporation
John-Paul Pelletier	JUST for Youth
Danielle Reeves	Alzheimer's Association
Brooke Scott-Lamenza	Trinity Foundation
Kim Showell	Children and Families First
Tara Sutton	Women's Opportunity Link
Alison Willey	Habitat for Humanity of Sussex County
Ericka Wright	Communities in Schools
Dan Zeitlow	Pencader Hundred Community Center





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Team Service Project

Partnered with YMCA to hold monthly community events open to East Side residents with the goal of fostering a more inter-connected East Side community.

Established a Belvedere community youth board in which teens learned leadership and professional skills.

Worked with the USO, Family Advocacy, Wing Commanders and Public Affairs to establish a forum where community members can meet to discuss service divides on Dover Air Force Base."

Rachel Beatty	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Eric Clark	Greater Brandywine Village Revitalization
Terisha Collins	Communities in Schools
Lisa Diker	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Tiffany Dodson	Read Aloud Delaware
Kimberly Durant	Wilmington HOPE Commission
Lana Eberle	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Jenna Fenstermacher	Delaware Bankers Association
Leah Ferby	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Alyssa Firkus	Brandywine Zoo
Steven Fox	United Way of Delaware
Nivek Gahunia	Delaware Humane Association
Mary Nash Godden	Delaware Art Museum
Lindsey Harris	Meeting Ground
Isaac Harris	Pencader Hundred Community Center
Kyle Harris	West End Neighborhood House
Lauren Jarema	MS Society Delaware Chapter
Kelly Kershaw	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Robert Notheis	JUST for Youth
Kiandra Parks	Public Allies Delaware
Jack Stucker	Christiana Care Community Outcomes
Tara Sutton	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Kaneisha Trott	First State Community Action Agency
Margaret Winslow	Delaware Humanities Forum
Daniel Zeitlow	Communities in Schools



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Team Service Project

Worked with Neighbors Rebuilding our Neighborhood to become a catalyst to connect existing programs and organizations together.

Established a baseball team for youth in Judy Johnson Park.

Designed a plan to recruit, maintain and re-invest Habitat for Humanity volunteers.



Colin Barratt	Autism Society of Delaware
Rachel Beatty	Communities in Schools
Natasha Bell	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League
Dexter Bland	State Office of Volunteerism
Megan DePietropaolo	Connections
Rysheema Dixon	Wilmington HOPE Commission
Meghan Erdman	Brandywine Zoo
Jenna Fenstermacher	Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council
Tia Gilbert	Delaware Art Museum
Mary Nash Godden	Westside Family Healthcare
Amber Gonzalez	United Way of Delaware
Elizabeth Grim	Meeting Ground
Rachael Hotchkiss	Connecting Generations
Kyneta Lee	State Office of Volunteerism
Natalye Madric	University of Delaware
Bianca Mojica	Meeting Ground
Stephanie Patterson	ACLU Delaware
Chase Quinn	Wilmington HOPE Commission
Morgan Rogers	Read Aloud Delaware
Rachael Romond	Serviam Girls Academy
Melissa Santosa	West End Neighborhood House
Stephanie Selekmán	Meeting Ground
Gena Spratt	Communities in Schools
Lauren Stevenson	Best Buddies Delaware
Jack Stucker	Public Allies Delaware
Laura Wharton	Kappa Mainstream Leadership
Daneya Wheeler	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware





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Team Service Project

Bridged communication between businesses and organizations in Northeast Wilmington to increase pride and address other civic issues.

Established the 'West Side Grows' Community Garden, which is now sustained by Cornerstone West. This space creates community cohesion, supports a farmer's market and is increasing access to healthy foods. This project won the "City Life Partnership of the Year" award.

Assisted tenants at the Shipley Lofts in the opening of the Chris White Gallery.

Zoe Bachman	Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts
Jenna Banning	Healthy Food for Healthy Kids
Natasha Bell	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League
Kelsey Cler	Ronald McDonald House
Caitlin Dalik	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
Rysheema Dixon	Wilmington HOPE Commission
Rachael Hotchkiss	Connecting Generations
Eric Hydeman	Delaware Adolescent Program (DAPI)
Alana Ianucci	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Diana Lantigua	Prevent Child Abuse Delaware
Kalie Lasiter	Meeting Ground
Meredith Leep	Connections
Morgan McGinnity	Brandywine Zoo
Chelsea Michael	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
Shayla Nastassi	Parent Information Center
Samantha Oppenheimer	Meeting Ground
Jason Pilar	Boys & Girls Clubs
Charlene Reed	West End Neighborhood House
Rachael Romond	Serviam Girls Academy
Aisha Shabazz	Westside Family Healthcare
Brittany Shallcross	Meeting Ground
Carine Tamasang	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Ariel Taylor	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Shefon Taylor	Wilmington HOPE Commission
Jaclyn Todisco	NPower Delaware
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Daneya Wheeler	Delaware Girls Initiative
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Team Service Project

Built membership and participation in the Historic Overlook Colony Vicinity (HOCV) Civic Association.

Identified neighborhood block leaders in Edgemoor to create and lead their own community projects and participate regularly in community group meetings.

Facilitated community collaboration with Little Italy neighborhood leaders.

Supported Simond's Gardens leadership in creating new programs to reflect local youth's interests in improving their community.

Ashley Berntgen	Ronald McDonald House of Delaware
Victoria Bourret	Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.
Sandy Cos	Delaware Futures
Melanie Gonsecki	Jefferson Awards for Public Service
Meghan Hughes	Wilmington Renaissance Corporation
Eric Hydeman	Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, Inc.
Brandon Jackson	Serviam Media
Da'Shon Jones	Cornerstone West CDC
Megan Kneisl	Fram Boys and Girls Club
Alejandro Matos	Meeting Ground, Clairvaux Farm
KrisAnne Miley	University of Delaware, 4-H Operation Military Kids
Chadeia Mitchell	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
Alexandria Nedd	ACLU Delaware
Samantha Oppenheimer	Meeting Ground
Mark Powell	Practice Without Pressure
Joseph Prats	Delaware Girls Initiative
Leah Rowe	University of Delaware, The College School
Nadine Sabater	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Vanity Sanders	Cornerstone West CDC
Sophia Selassie	Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County
Kelly Smith	Meeting Ground
Jennifer Smolowitz	University of Delaware, 4-H Botvins
Urszula Stankiewicz	Jefferson Awards for Public Service
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Amelia Uffelman	University of Delaware, 4-H Health Rocks
Erin Warren	Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore
Monica Welch	Delaware Rugby Foundation

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Team Service Project

Developed beautification initiatives in the Edgemoor Gardens.

Partnered with the Browntown Civic Association to improve youth programming and established their Jr. Civic Association, BCA Kidz Club.

Helped members of the Hilltop community to build a sustainable and neighborhood driven "Friends of Judy Johnson Park" group.

Assisted Simonds Garden youth in creating a Community Youth Cafe Store in the Rose Hill Community Center.

Supported the Eastside team in building a strong coalition to identify and address community concerns.

Mary Kate Benson	Delaware Community Investment Corporation
Ta'Tra Bradshaw	Edgemoor Revitalization Cooperative
Saresa Cooper	Delaware Alliance For Community Advancement
Shenise Edwards	Meeting Ground
Jakeen Flonnory	Delaware Elite
Maria Gil	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League
Lauren Gliniak	Meeting Ground
Shanice Griffith	Communities In Schools of Delaware
Reyna Guy	University of Delaware Cooperative Extension
Jessica Hickman	Practice Without Pressure
Monique Johnson	Duffy's Hope
Da'Shon Jones	Cornerstone West CDC
Tosha Kenion	Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware
Sashalee King	Communities In Schools of Delaware
Lindsay Lancaster	Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids
Roxana Maldonado	A Center for Relational Living
Alejandro Matos	Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware
Chadeia Mitchell	Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
Alexandria Nedd	ACLU Delaware
Malcolm Roberts	YMCA of Delaware
Vanity Sanders	Cornerstone West CDC
Hannah Silvis	Connecting Generations
Meredith Stuart	West End Neighborhood House
Kaila Suarez	University of Delaware Cooperative Extension
Jalpurnia Trader	Delaware Hospice
Orrin White	United Way of Delaware
Talia Yanowitz	Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League

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Team Service Project

Facilitated a partnership of Browntown/Hedgeville Civic Association's youth programs to serve as volunteers assisting the elderly population.

Partnered with the City of Wilmington to promote the Wilmington RISE Campaign, an opportunity for residents to propose, plan, and develop "clean & smart" projects.

Developed unused open space for Edgemoor families to interact and engage.

Worked with the Historic Overlook Colony & Vicinity Public Safety Task Force, a resident-led crime prevention group that cooperates with law enforcement to solve neighborhood problems.

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Melissa Benbow	Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired
Mary Kate Benson	Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware
Justine Berdini	4H Cooperative Extension University of Delaware
Robert Boyd	Wilmington Metropolitan Urban League
Ta'Tra Bradshaw	Girls Incorporated of Delaware
Adam Caplan	Edgemoor Revitalization Cooperative
Allison Cavanaugh	Nature Conservancy
Alicia Coit	Kingswood Community Center
Sylvia Davenport	Neighborhood House
Stephanie Dawkins	Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County
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Daniel Elkins	Edgemoor Community Center
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Jenelle Green	Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired
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Christella St. Juste	United Way of Delaware
Meredith Stuart	West End Neighborhood House
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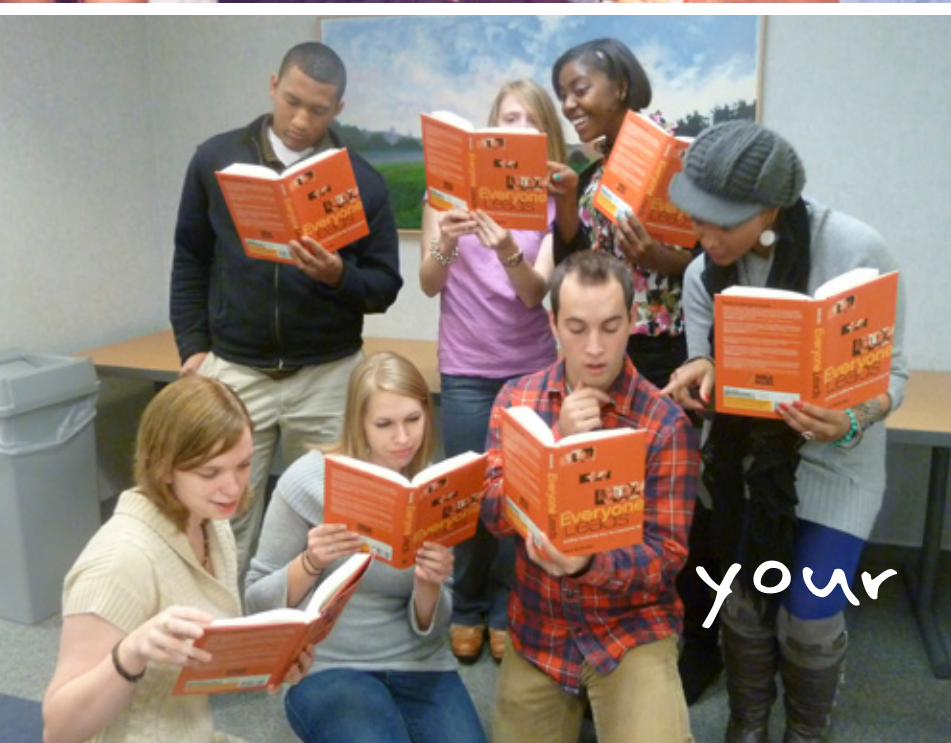
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