youth community service

"Volunteering made me happy, and I was surprised by how easy it is to make a difference" – PAUSD Middle School student

Youth Community Service (YCS) at PAUSD Middle Schools

Find meaningful service opportunities:

- Explore the YCS Do Service Platform for a curated list of service opportunities youthcommunityservice.org
- Get email updates with service opportunities in the community for all ages. Join Our Mailing List
- Participate in YCS community service days including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service (January), the YCS Community Impact Exhibit (April) and the National Day of Service and Remembrance (September)

Become a Middle School Leader in Service:

Leadership Core is a youth-led after-school service program open to high school students. This program aims to empower middle school students to take initiative, collaborate, and make a positive impact on their communities through service projects.

- Summer of Service is a hands-on program for rising 9th graders, where youth will learn and practice leadership skills through meaningful service. Participants build confidence in their ability to lead, communicate effectively, and foster meaningful relationships across age groups and communities.

Join the Middle School on campus YCS service opportunities:

- Weekly lunchtime youth-led service projects supported by YCS program staff.
- YCS Service Days and Service Fairs for students to connect with local community organizations.
- YCS collaborates with school staff in and outside of the classroom to bring service learning to all students including; hosing panel discussions, service learning experiences with AVID classes, and more!

Earn and have service awards verified: The Youth Community Service Award:

Equivalent in prestige to the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Youth Community Service Award recognizes local youth who serve their communities. Awardees are honored by the City and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Levels of Support

We invite financial & volunteer support from PAUSD families.

As a parent, I would like to be a YCS service volunteer for _____ (school name). ___ **Y** ____ **N** (please check one)

*** $500** - Contributes to school-wide events and activities, including service days, service fairs, and lunch-time service-themed activities

*** $250** - Contributes to The Youth Community Service Award

*** $100** - Contribute to AVID Classes service training activities

*** $50** - Contribute to the cost of materials for service projects at YCS Lunch Club

Your tax-exempt donation can support our youth programs, engaging service opportunities, and annual community-wide service events.

You can donate online at www.youthcommunityservice.org/donate-to-ycs/ or

by check to **Youth Community Service @ PO Box 61000 Palo Alto CA 94306**

My company has a matching program to match my donations (Y/N) _____

I will make my donation via a *Charitable Trust/Donor-Advised Fund* or *Corporate Giving department* (Y/N) _____

Parent Name(s) _____ Parent email _____

Parent Contact Tele: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Email _____

2026-2027 student class: (6th) ____ (7th) ____ (8th) ____

Mailing Address _____