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Youth Volunteer Corps

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Youth Volunteer Corps of Omaha
Office of the Mayor and the City of Omaha

Pittsburgh, PA

Youth Volunteer Corps
Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania

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Tulsa, OK

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LEARNING BY DOING



ust two hours ago, he was fidgeting in the seventh grade classroom, passing notes, whispering, being almost disruptive. Now,

he sits at Della Lamb Center, a toddler on each knee, reading them a story. His voice is playful. The toddlers giggle.

"Thank you," the children chorus as he and the other volunteers leave.

His smile says it all.

This young man is one of over 1,100 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students participating in the YMCA-sponsored Youth Volunteer Corps through 11 Kansas City, MO middle schools. As a student at the Kansas City Middle School of the Arts, this young volunteer

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Students at the Kansas City, MO Middle School of the Arts volunteer with the daycare program available for children through Della Lamb Community Services. (Photo by Bruce Mathews.)

participates in a unique curriculum program that ties community service to learning.

"Our goal was to capture the natural tendency of this age to want to help someone," says teacher Anola Pickett.

"Volunteering gives the students a sense of purpose," adds teacher Katie Blomer. "They realize the importance of helping in the community. If we're going to teach students about being productive citizens and members of the community, we believe that they need to learn early the rewards of community service."

Several times a month, 100 students in Ms. Blomer and Ms. Pickett's class meet in community service groups. Six service projects working with children, hospital patients, the environment and other issues permit students to focus on activities they enjoy.

"I like to work with kids," says 13-year-old Keysha Reed, a seventh grader, whose group volunteers at a near-by kindergarten. "They get so excited when we come."

"It feels good to help other people," says 12-year-old Tajuana Frazier. The seventh grader's team goes to the Della Lamb Center and works with toddlers and at the thrift store and food pantry.

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Kansas City, MO
teachers took 1,100
middle school students
out of the classroom to
learn real life lessons.

