

# YCS Service Shout Out

## November 2017



Thank you to those of you who made it out to this year's  
Make a Difference Day!

As always, we hope you take advantage of all the fantastic  
opportunities in the community this month!

-YCS Team

### **YCS After School Service Leadership Clubs**

Join this fall's leadership clubs and make an impact on issues that matter most to you. Both groups will study a community issue then design a service project to address that issue. Some past projects include; mental health awareness, human trafficking, and rain water storage. *Action Team (Middle School)* meets on Wednesday afternoons and *Fellows (High School)* will meet on Thursday evenings. Please visit our website to find more information and to register. [www.youthcommunityservice.org/programs/leadership-programs/](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org/programs/leadership-programs/)

<p><b>Grassroots Ecology:</b>  <b>Volunteer at Foothills Park</b>  <b>When:</b> On-going 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every Month from 9:00am to 12:00pm  <b>Where:</b> 3300 Page Mill Rd., Once in the park Follow the arrows with the Grassroots Ecology logo to arrive at our meeting place, as this often changes.  <b>Description:</b> Join us for a fulfilling morning outdoors! We enjoy hands-on activities that will enrich our local ecology. Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Foothills Park by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures and more. Please bring reusable water bottle and dress for the outdoors. We will provide gloves, tools and some snacks.  <b>Ages:</b> All welcome. Minors under 18 require a <b>parent to approve via the online waiver (<a href="http://tinyurl.com/GrEWaiver">http://tinyurl.com/GrEWaiver</a>)</b> , and <b>children under 12 require an accompanying adult.</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b> Yes  <b>Contact:</b> Avi Starr Glass, <a href="mailto:avi@grassrootsecology.org">avi@grassrootsecology.org</a></p>	<p><b>DreamCatchers After-School Program</b>  <b>When:</b> On-going: Mondays 4-6pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesdays 4-6pm or 6-8pm, Thursdays 6-8pm  <b>Where:</b> Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Rd.  <b>Description:</b> Our tutors dedicate their time to one middle school student from an under-resourced household throughout the school year and work together on developing the skills required to succeed in school and beyond. Tutors develop meaningful mentoring relationships, gain valuable experience working closely with youth, and inspire students to become lifelong learners. Activities include; homework completion, improving study and organizational skills, STEAM enrichment activities and enjoying a delicious, nutritious snack with your student at each session.  Sign up using our Google form: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/DCtutor">http://tinyurl.com/DCtutor</a> OR visit our website: <a href="http://www.dreamcatcheryouth.org/join">www.dreamcatcheryouth.org/join</a>  <b>Ages:</b> 9<sup>th</sup> grader and older  <b>Waiver Needed:</b> Yes  <b>Contact:</b> Allison Bedford, <a href="mailto:Allison@dreamcatcheryouth.org">Allison@dreamcatcheryouth.org</a></p>
<p><b>Thanksgiving dinner at Abilities United Club</b>  <b>When:</b> Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 3-8pm  <b>Where:</b> Abilities United Club  3854 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto  <b>Description:</b> Help with food set up, food prep, clean up, serving and socializing with adult participants.  <b>Ages:</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b>  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:volunteer@abilitiesunited.org">volunteer@abilitiesunited.org</a></p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving Dinner for Children's Development Services.</b>  <b>When:</b> Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8pm  <b>Where:</b> Abilities United Club  3854 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto  <b>Description:</b> Volunteers needed to help set-up and clean up during the event.  <b>-Volunteers needed:</b> To help run art projects, music time, in the movie room and outside. room and outside. Up to 12 volunteers.  <b>Ages:</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b>  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:volunteer@abilitiesunited.org">volunteer@abilitiesunited.org</a></p>
<p><b>Thanksgiving potluck for Adult Day Services</b>  <b>When:</b> Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>  10:30am-2:30pm  <b>Where:</b> Abilities United Club  3854 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto  <b>Description:</b> Help set-up, clean up, serving and Socializing with participants. Up to 10 volunteers  <b>Ages:</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b></p>	<p><b>Wrapping Presents Children's development Services.</b>  <b>When:</b> Monday December, 4. 5-7pm  <b>Where:</b> Abilities United Club  3854 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto  <b>Description:</b> Wrap the gifts in prep for holiday Party.  <b>Ages:</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b></p>

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<p><b>International Play Date</b>  <b>When:</b> December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3pm  <b>Where:</b> Palo Alto Art Center  <b>Description:</b> Play games while earning service  <b>Hours!</b> Enjoy a private tour of the Art Center's  <b>Current exhibit Play!</b> Followed by an afternoon  of putting into practice with seniors from Avenidas.  Play an "old favorite" game or learn something new  <b>Ages:</b> No limit  <b>Waiver Needed:</b> No Waiver  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org">Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org</a></p>	<p><b>VA Holiday Craft Workshop</b>  <b>When:</b> December 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:00pm set-up 5:00-7pm  Open to general medical patients. 7-9pm open to all  patients.  <b>Where:</b> Welcome center at Menlo Park VA  795 Willow Rd., Menlo Park, CA  <b>Description:</b> Help veterans make holiday crafts!  There are opportunities to either run a specific  Craft or work with a specific vet as they go to  Different tables.  <b>Ages:</b> 14 and up  <b>Waiver Needed:</b> No  <b>Contact:</b> Call YCS at 650.858.8019</p>
<p><b>Holiday Party Children's Development Services</b>  <b>When:</b> Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8pm  <b>Where:</b> Abilities United Club  3854 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto  <b>Description:</b> set-up and clean up. Run stations  Help with Santa or volunteers can take pictures.  <b>Ages:</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b>  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:volunteer@abilitiesunited.org">volunteer@abilitiesunited.org</a></p>	<p><b>Holiday Party for Abilities United Club</b>  <b>When:</b> Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 3-8pm  <b>Where:</b> Abilities United Club  3854 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto  <b>Description:</b> Help set up with food prep, clean up  <b>Socializing with adult participants.</b>  Up to 10 volunteers.  <b>Ages:</b>  <b>Waiver Needed:</b>  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:volunteer@abilitiesunited.org">volunteer@abilitiesunited.org</a></p>

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<http://youthcommunityservice.org/request-volunteers-form/>

Have questions? Please email [volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org)

