



Global Goals

Youth Impact & Insights

Created by InnerView from hundreds of thousands of student volunteer experiences. Published for everyone who works with youth to create a better world for all.

National Summary

2025 - 2026 School Year
College & High School Students

Youth Impact + Insights

InnerView Perspective

This year marks the eighth year working alongside students, schools, programs, and partners across the United States, and the 2025-26 SDG Youth Impact & Insights Summary reflects a steady commitment to celebrating what young people build, lead, and give back through service. For everyone who invests in that growth, whether through group and club programming, leadership development, or recognition, this report is a window into what that investment makes possible.

Developing students sits at the center of everything here: turning insights and trends into real support for how they navigate and chart their own path. We aren't here to hand them a map, we're here to listen, and to support them as they find and lead their own way.

Students are sharing their most precious assets, time, talent, and passion, as they explore, navigate, and develop a purposeful journey. Over the past year they contributed 2.3M hours of community service worth an estimated \$85.3M in community impact, spanning all 17 UN Global Goals in 50 states. What stands out isn't just the scale, it's the consistency: the shift from first-time volunteers toward Committed and Leader-tier engagement continues to grow year over year, a sign that the InnerView network is doing more than logging hours, it's building lasting habits of leadership and service.



Continued growth along the Youth Engagement Continuum™

Students aren't just returning, they're moving further along the Continuum from Curious to Committed to Leader. This year's data points to something more deliberate: students using that movement to explore, test, and refine where they actually want to be, landing on the causes and roles that build the leadership skills and confidence they'll carry forward.

Connectedness leads as this year's defining motivation

Connectedness stands out this year as the value driving the most student engagement. This runs parallel to real behavior: more activities happening in groups/clubs, more students actively seeking out mentors, and a throughline in students' own words about the humanness of this work, the people they serve and the people standing beside them working toward the same solutions.

Advocacy and leadership roles expanding

Prior years show growth in students leading clubs, projects, fundraisers, and initiatives rather than only attending them; worth verifying against this year's leadership activity stats.

Grateful, as always, to the Champions of Change and the broader youth service ecosystem for the time, energy, and strategic support they bring to this work. With students leading the way, we look forward to another year of purposeful collaboration as we work together to build a more sustainable and equitable future. For organizations investing in youth leadership and recognition, we'd welcome the chance to talk about what a partnership as a Champion of Change could look like.

Kristine Sturgeon
CEO, InnerView



NextGen Insights

As students continue to define their own leadership and sense of belonging, hearing that development directly in their own words matters more every year. This year, NextGen Insights has grown into its own standalone series, entirely dedicated to youth voice.



Vibrant Network of Impact Driven Youth



\$85.3M

Community Impact Value



2.3M

Hours of
Community Service



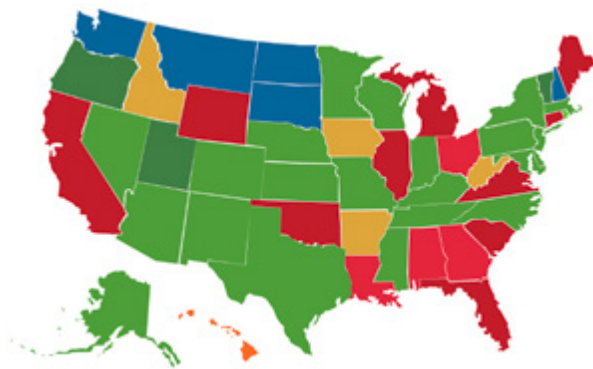
Actions for all 17
UN Global Goals



50

States with
Student Action

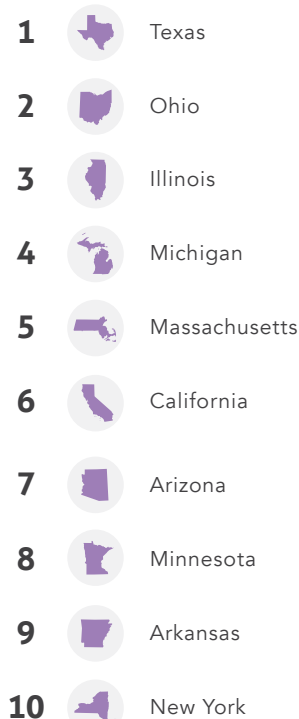
Most Important Issue



of States That Ranked The SDG As Most Important



Most Impact

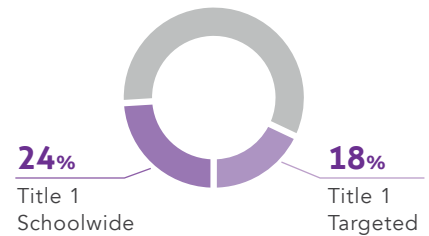


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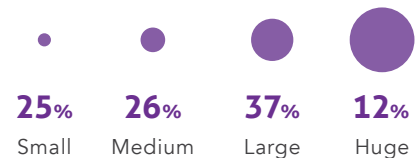
InnerView.org

The 2025-26 SDG Youth Impact & Insights Summary is the result of meticulous analysis conducted on hundreds of thousands of self-reported entries submitted by tens of thousands of students, aged 14 to 25, through the InnerView mobile app. These entries served as a conduit for capturing the rich tapestry of their diverse service experiences, with the aim of enlightening and motivating others through aggregated information. Within this framework each student receives an official artifact, a service impact resume for use in job and college applications.

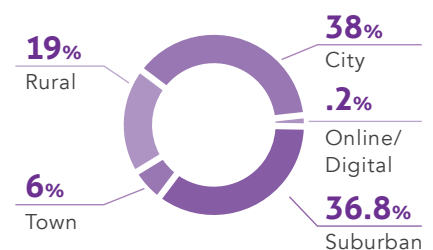
School Profile



School Size



School Locale



Youth Activities Addressing Community Needs



Global Goals to Transform Our World

On January 1, 2016, the world officially began working toward the 17 Global Goals, also known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Adopted by world leaders at the UN in 2015, they form a shared plan to build a better future by 2030. These Goals apply to everyone, everywhere, calling on citizens and countries to work together to end poverty, fight inequality, and tackle climate change—all while making sure no one is left behind.

The InnerView social responsibility platform supports and connects the ecosystem of community service with visible, measured progress and delivers personal, social and professional benefit to each participant, helping students, groups, schools & nonprofits, and committed businesses demonstrate social impact. We believe that this value exchange will better connect volunteers with local needs, develop compassionate youth, demonstrate purpose for jobs and post-secondary education, and deliver progress to the Global Goals.

The Global Goals are the perfect connector to expose volunteers to a wide range of causes, help a youthful generation through discovery and skill development cycles, and better understand the impact for any path they might choose to get involved.

"I trust young people

to push my generation to save our planet and our future – and it's important to me to connect with them so that I can learn from them and hear their views."

António Guterres
Secretary-General
of the United Nations



This graphic displays the official UN SDG icons that represent each goal. Students on InnerView are asked to select the SDG they believe is most important, displayed as a rank in the upper left quadrant. The data flag in the lower right quadrant is the % of InnerView student volunteers that took action for this goal in the 2025-26 school year.

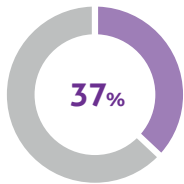
THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



Youth Values

Social and Emotional Connections to Others

Volunteerism is a learned behavior. Behind each act of service is a motivation, a personal inspiration to help and change the outcome for another. Service deepens connections to others, communities, and causes. Students on InnerView connect every activity to a personal value or motivation. This action further imprints the experience and provides better recall as students are developing their journey of service and impact.

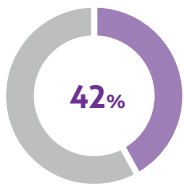


Compassion

An inner drive to care for, assist or positively impact others



Top Motivation for:

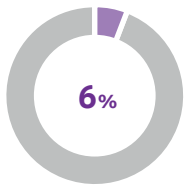


Connectedness

An aspiration to be part of something bigger – a desire to cultivate a relationship with other individuals, your community, a movement, our world



Top Motivation for:

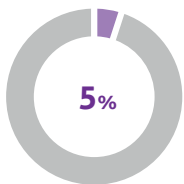


Curiosity

A desire to learn new things, to gain a better understanding

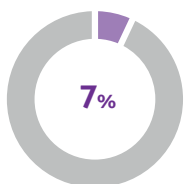


Top Motivation for:



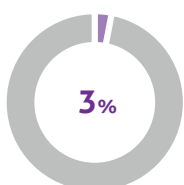
Integrity

A sense of responsibility to do the "right" thing in all situations



Respect

A regard for the feelings, wishes, ideas, rights, and traditions of all



Spirituality

A concern for the human spirit or soul



Top Motivation for:



InnerView Engagement Continuum™



Curious

Seeking connection through personal experience. Basic cause awareness.

23% of Volunteers

1.9 Avg Activities
9.4 Service Hours
1.3 Avg Causes



Exploring

Desire to align interest or passion with cause-centric activity.

18% of Volunteers

4.5 Avg Activities
22.7 Service Hours
2.3 Avg Causes



Casual

Declared interest with demonstrated activity. Appreciates invitation and fulfilling needs.

30% of Volunteers

8.6 Avg Activities
32.3 Service Hours
3.3 Avg Causes

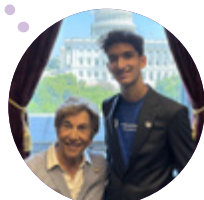


Committed

Intentional. Seeking progress and impact. These are vocal advocates and developing leaders.

22% of Volunteers

16.5 Avg Activities
52.4 Service Hours
4.1 Avg Causes



Leader

Passionate and proven leaders. These students are building personal and purposeful networks for action.

7% of Volunteers

29.2 Avg Activities
146 Service Hours
4.6 Avg Causes

Volunteer Engagement

Each volunteer interaction is an opportunity to show gratitude, recognize the impact, connect passion & purpose and deepen understanding. Like any model, we study the progression and patterns of each stage of the journey. The summary to the left introduces the InnerView Engagement Continuum™ to better connect and inspire our youth at any stage.

Youth Commitment Over Time

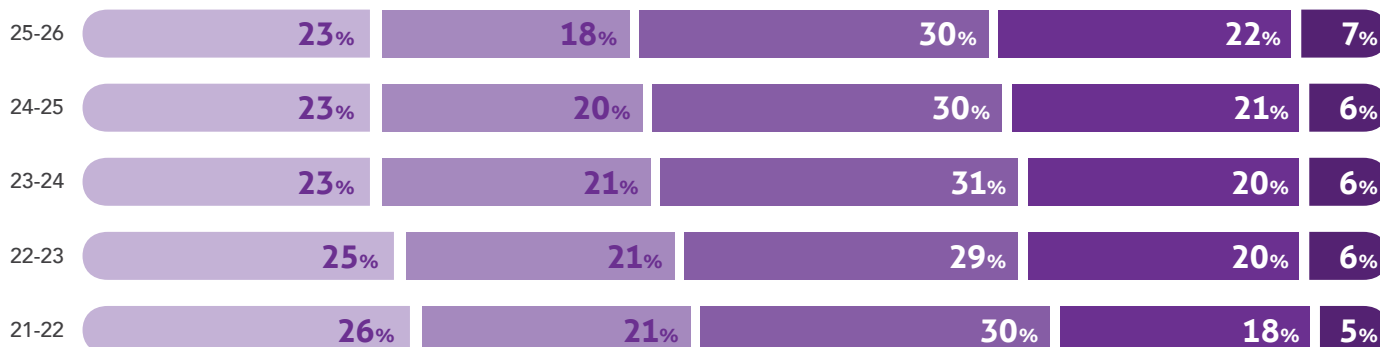
The 2025-26 school year wrapped our eighth year of promoting SDG-centric service opportunities to students. Early measures indicate, students who have been part of the InnerView network, invest more personal time each year in their local community.

The average hours per year that an InnerView volunteer invests in SDGs increase significantly across a four year journey.

First year **28.9 hrs**
Second year **39.9 hrs +38%**

Year to Year Engagement

The positive shift of student volunteers from Curious + Exploring to higher levels of engagement (to the right): Casual, Committed, or Leader is significant over the years.



Inspiring Others To Action

Gateway Activities through Groups & Events

Club members and event organizers create opportunities to extend awareness and invite others to get involved in specific causes. First-time volunteers appreciate the ability to browse an array of scheduled events and activities to discover a personal fit. Students gain a better understanding of issues and solutions through a rich personal experience.

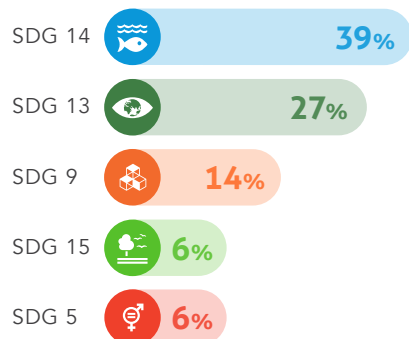
The service ecosystem needed to adapt and create new ways to engage volunteers with productive In-Home effort while many In-Community paths were closed or had restrictions. The new channel of meaningful interactions was well received by volunteers and unlocked new paths for students in remote geographies, introverts, and students with special needs to access a wider range of opportunities to better align with personal passions.

Activities While Taking Part with an Event/Group



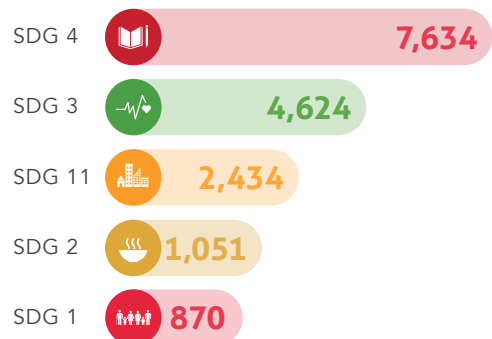
Top 5 Events In-Home

Areas Supported predominantly with In-Home Activities



Top 5 Events In-Community

Most Active Event Categories (posted events/activities)



Stats below represent aggregate participation across all activities in the 2025-26 school year. For variants across causes, see the SDG pages that follow.



72%

Activities as Part of a Group



18,500

Events Posted
All 17 SDGs represented



2%

In-Home Postings

98%

In-Community Postings

"Students develop a service resume, hold themselves accountable, and easily develop working relationships with charities and nonprofits that hold meaning for them. They are proud of their service awards and love the chance to see how much they can accomplish."

Ashley H
Ball High School

"InnerView makes my students part of a bigger family of conscious citizens."

Huseyin A
Coral Academy of Science
Sandy Ridge Campus



Skill Development

Real-World Experience

Community service is not a formal apprenticeship; however these experiences are incredibly valuable for similar reasons.

Young volunteers are:

- Investing talent and time in the causes they care about
- Demonstrating and developing soft skills of collaboration, communication, and reliability
- Connecting and building an impact driven network
- Seeking alignment of purpose and passion
- Exploring career pathways and roles

Communication & Advocacy Student Activities

21%

Speaking at an Event

5%

Publishing an Article

20%

Advocating on Social Media



54%

Doing Outreach

Leadership Student Activities

4%

Leading Collection Drive

12%

Leading Initiative

16%

Leading Program

5%

Leading Committee



24%

Leading Event

5%

Leading Fundraiser

13%

Raising Money

21%

Leading Club

21st Century Skills

Collaboration + Youth Voice

"Along with my group members, I went before the board to speak about gender equality. We shared our perspectives, raised awareness about ongoing challenges, and encouraged the board to consider initiatives that promote fairness and inclusivity."



Annika, Sophomore
SDG 5

Progressive Responsibility

"After participating in this, it encouraged me to start thinking about creating my own project and getting people together to help a common cause."



Shrinidhi, Senior
SDG 3

Human Agility

"I walked away with a new mindset: people that seem new and unlike me actually share a lot of the same challenges as me. This experience taught me how to be more open-minded and accepting of others."



Jaffa, Senior
SDG 16

Creativity

"I wrote a heartfelt letter and created two drawings to share kindness and warmth with people in our community. Through my words and art, I hoped to bring comfort, encouragement, and joy to others."



Lada, Sophomore
SDG 3



Local Needs. Global Challenges

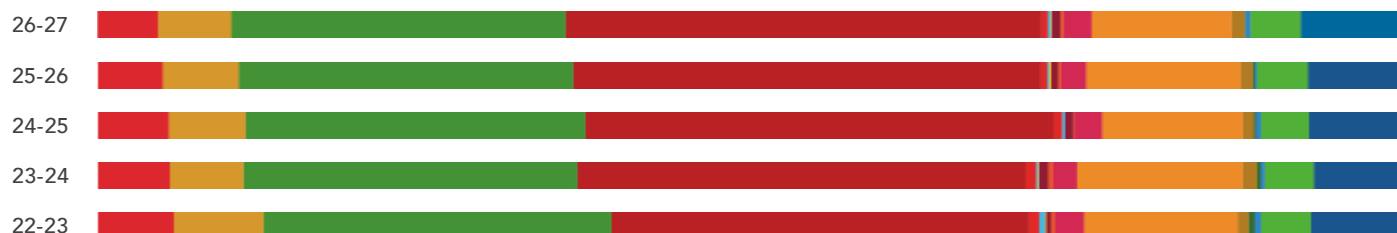
Aligning Passion And Purpose

Students are positioned at various stages of familiarity with the Global Goals, but the issues they represent are universally identifiable. Each student possesses a valid and distinct perspective shaped by their individual life experiences and comprehension. In a spirit of inclusivity and without considerations of empowerment or access, we ask our students for their opinion on which Global Goal resonates as the most significant to them.



Student Impact

It is helpful to compare youth interest with the impact data: where students invested their time and talent in causes for each of the same time periods. We use this information in an effort to establish partners and programs to offer students opportunities and actionable paths to better align their passion, time and talent.



Student Interest

In recent years, student priorities have evolved to mirror a heightened real-world awareness of issues that are not only hyper-micro but also deeply personal, affecting lives within homes, neighborhoods, and communities.





1 No Poverty

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Donate clothes
- Assemble hygiene kits for the homeless
- Homelessness education
- Organize a collection drive

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at a shelter
- Join a team to build homes
- Host a collection drive
- Weekend/mission trips

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

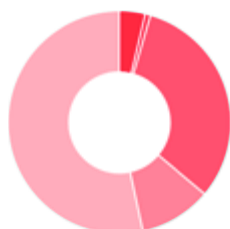
- Habitat for Humanity
- Local Homeless Shelters
- Mission Trips



Most Common Motivation

Compassion

Action Type



53% VOLUNTEERING
10% TAKING PART
32% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
4% LEADING

74%

Activities with a Group

2%

In-Home Activities

"Volunteering opened my eyes

to the impact of domestic violence in our community. Sorting through donations and organizing the store, I felt a connection to the cause, knowing each item could help someone in need. The experience inspired me to be more compassionate and aware of the challenges faced by survivors."

Hana, Senior

Days of Awareness

OCTOBER 10

World Homeless Day

OCTOBER 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty



870

Published Event Activities



22%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

64%

single activity with cause

5.6

average hours per activity

36%

of volunteers returning to cause

1.7 avg activities

4.6 avg hrs/activity



\$3,992,865

Community Impact Value



50%

Schools with Activity



4th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





2 Zero Hunger

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Donate food
- Deliver meals & groceries
- Organize a food collection
- Help build a food pantry directory

IN COMMUNITY

- Pack meals at a food bank
- Volunteer at a community garden
- Serve meals at a soup kitchen
- Start/support school pantry
- Add healthy cafeteria options

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

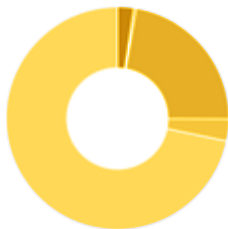
- Feeding America
- Meals on Wheels
- No Kid Hungry



Most Common Motivation

Compassion

Action Type



72% VOLUNTEERING
3% TAKING PART
22% DONATING
.4% ADVOCATING
3% LEADING

71%

Activities with a Group

.2%

In-Home Activities

"This made me feel grateful

and purposeful because I could see how our work directly helped people in need. It was meaningful to know that the meals we packed would provide food and support to families facing food insecurity. The experience showed me how small efforts can make a big difference in my community."

Kennedy, Junior

Days of Awareness

MAY 28
World Hunger Day

SEPTEMBER
National Family Meals Month

SEPTEMBER
Hunger Action Month

OCTOBER 16
World Food Day



1,051

Published Event Activities



29%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

58%
single activity with cause

3.5
average hours per activity

42%
of volunteers returning to cause
2.3 avg activities
3.1 avg hrs/activity



\$4,802,302

Community Impact Value



57%

Schools with Activity



3rd

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





3 Good Health & Well-Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Send inspiring cards to isolated individuals
- Make face masks & shields
- Host in-home wellness classes for peers
- Fundraise for research

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at hospitals & nursing homes
- Donate blood
- Awareness walk / run
- Coach youth sports / Camp leader

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

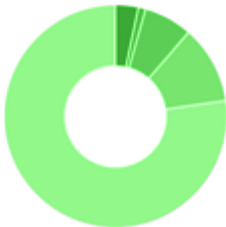
- American Cancer Society
- Children's Miracle Network
- Special Olympics
- Mental wellness programs



Most Common Motivation

Compassion

Action Type



78% VOLUNTEERING
11% TAKING PART
7% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
3% LEADING

72%

Activities
with a Group

6%

In-Home
Activities

"Attended a session with a

trained professional who focused on helping us understand children's brain development and the impact of foster care on a child's growth and well-being. We learned practical skills designed to help work more effectively and compassionately with foster children."

Stephanie, Junior

Days of Awareness

APRIL 7

World Health Day

JUNE 15

World Blood Donor Day

OCTOBER 10

World Mental Health Day



64%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

33%
single activity
with cause

7.0
average hours
per activity

67%
of volunteers returning to cause
3.6 avg activities
4.1 avg hrs/activity



\$21,809,294

Community Impact Value



74%

Schools with Activity



1st

Students Ranked as
Most Important Goal



4,624

Published
Event Activities





4 Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Make & donate flashcards for elementary students
- Share recordings of children's books readings
- In-Home tutoring
- Organize a book/supply drive

IN COMMUNITY

- Donate books/supplies
- Volunteer at a library
- Education based clubs (STEAM, literary, arts, etc)

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- Boys & Girls Club of America
- Local elementary schools



Most Common Motivation

Connectedness

Action Type



76% VOLUNTEERING
17% TAKING PART
2% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
4% LEADING

76%

Activities with a Group

2%

In-Home Activities

"Teaching English to kids

this summer was deeply rewarding. I watched their confidence grow with each lesson, and that inspired me to give my best every time. It made me realize how much of an impact one person can have. Their smiles and progress reminded me why I love helping others, and it left me with a stronger sense of purpose."

Thian, Sophomore

Days of Awareness

JANUARY 25

International Day of Education

MARCH 2

Read Across America Day

SEPTEMBER 8

International Literacy Day



7,634

Published Event Activities



72%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

29%
single activity with cause

8.1
average hours per activity

71%
of volunteers returning to cause
4.8 avg activities
3.9 avg hrs/activity



\$31,021,753

Community Impact Value



79%

Schools with Activity



2nd

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





5 Gender Equality

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Participate in a women's march
- Donate feminine hygiene products
- Create in-home skills videos

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at a women's shelter
- Little sibs / big sister programs
- Plan & lead Girl Scout activities
- Mentoring programs
- Support intersectional feminism campaign
- Organize a guest speaker

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- Girl Scouts
- Girls Who Code
- Society of Women Engineers



Most Common Motivation

Connectedness

Action Type



56% VOLUNTEERING
15% TAKING PART
14% DONATING
3% ADVOCATING
12% LEADING

71%

Activities with a Group

6%

In-Home Activities

"Educating, helping, and inspiring

younger girls to become confident entrepreneurs has been such a rewarding experience. I loved getting them excited for cookie season and teaching them how to sell safely, responsibly, and in a fun, engaging way. Guiding them through the process and watching their confidence grow made the experience even more meaningful."

Taylor, Sophomore

Days of Awareness

FEBRUARY 11

International Day of Women In Science

MARCH 8

International Women's Day

OCTOBER 11

International Day of the Girl



32

Published Event Activities



3%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

80%

single activity with cause

5.0

average hours per activity

20%

of volunteers returning to cause

1.5 avg activities

4.8 avg hrs/activity



\$449,314

Community Impact Value



26%

Schools with Activity



7th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





6 Clean Water & Sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Drinking water delivery
- Fundraise for clean water programs
- Join a citizen scientist project

IN COMMUNITY

- Clean up a river, lake or stream
- Organize a waterway cleanup
- Water research projects
- Mission trip: water project

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- Engineers without Borders
- Living Lands & Waters
- Water Environment Federation



Most Common Motivation

Compassion

Action Type



71% VOLUNTEERING
22% TAKING PART
3% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
3% LEADING

76%

Activities with a Group

"We picked up trash around

the pond at the Johnston district office. This impacted me because I learned how little people care about the environment and how the smallest group with the biggest effort is what causes good change."

Maggie, Freshman

Days of Awareness

MARCH 22

World Water Day

JUNE 8

World Oceans Day



30

Published Event Activities



1%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

83%
single activity with cause

4.7
average hours per activity

17%
of volunteers returning to cause
1.3 avg activities
4.9 avg hrs/activity



\$172,055

Community Impact Value



15%

Schools with Activity



13th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





7 Affordable & Clean Energy

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Attend a clean energy online seminar
- Perform an energy audit in-home
- Participate in a clean energy workshop

IN COMMUNITY

- Participate in a lights out event
- Advocate for charging stations
- Lead a divestment campaign

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

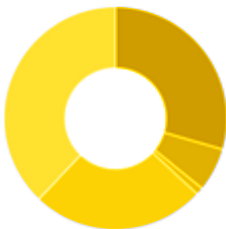
- Energy Kids
- STEM Rising



Most Common Motivation

Curiosity

Action Type



38% VOLUNTEERING
25% TAKING PART
1% DONATING
6% ADVOCATING
30% LEADING

78%

Activities with a Group

"We went door to door giving out free energy kits that consist of around 14 LED lightbulbs. This is done in tandem with the Regional Development Commission, and we are doing this in the hope of helping people be more efficient with both their money and also their environmental impacts."

Fredrick, Senior

Days of Awareness

MARCH 6
World Sustainable Energy Day

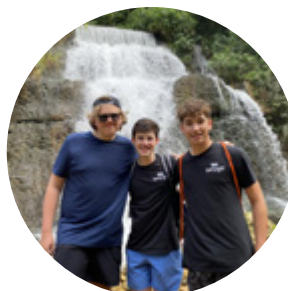
MARCH 21
National Renewable Energy Day

MAY 3
International Sun-Day



2

Published Event Activities



0.1%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

63%
single activity with cause

4.0
average hours per activity

37%
of volunteers returning to cause
2.3 avg activities
5.7 avg hrs/activity



\$19,571

Community Impact Value



2%

Schools with Activity



15th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





8 Decent Work & Economic Growth

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Support local business
- Promote local businesses
- Organize a in-home career fair
- Attend a human trafficking seminar

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at a refugee shelter
- Participate in modern abolitionist events
- Join a consulting club
- Participate on a Youth Advisory Council

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

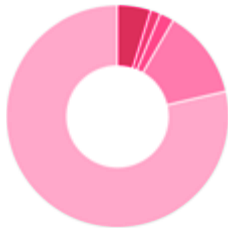
- Dress For Success
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Farmers of America
- Salvation Army



Most Common Motivation

Connectedness

Action Type



79% VOLUNTEERING
13% TAKING PART
2% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
5% LEADING

67%

Activities with a Group

.04%

In-Home Activities

"I was able to volunteer

and make financial models for a unique social entrepreneurial crypto-token, which allowed me to learn how to involve myself with the crypto market while having an impact on the global community."

Aashman, Junior

Days of Awareness

JANUARY

National Mentoring Month

JUNE 20

World Refugee Day

JULY 15

World Youth Skills Day



3%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

75%
single activity with cause

8.1
average hours per activity

25%
of volunteers returning to cause
1.6 avg activities
6.7 avg hrs/activity



\$620,712

Community Impact Value



26%

Schools with Activity



10th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal



68

Published Event Activities





9 Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Participate in a Zooniverse project
- Provide in-home tech support for seniors
- Participate in a hackathon
- Volunteer for tech camp / support

IN COMMUNITY

- Help seniors improve tech literacy
- Science Olympiad
- Robotics club
- Participate in an innovation competition

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

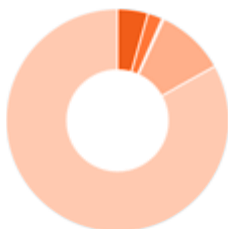
- Destination Imagination
- Hour of Code
- World Series of Innovation
- YouthBuild



Most Common Motivation

Curiosity

Action Type



83% VOLUNTEERING
10% TAKING PART
.3% DONATING
2% ADVOCATING
4% LEADING

69%

Activities with a Group

15%

In-Home Activities

"I volunteer every month at the

Senior Center to help senior citizens with any of their technology issues. It is always a great opportunity as I am passionate about it, and it helps me stay connected with my community."

Ryan, Senior

Days of Awareness

FEBRUARY 11

International Day of Women In Science

APRIL 12

International Day: Human Space Flight

APRIL 21

World Creativity and Innovation Day



14

Published Event Activities



1%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

71%

single activity with cause

7.6

average hours per activity

29%

of volunteers returning to cause

1.8 avg activities

5.5 avg hrs/activity



\$214,179

Community Impact Value



16%

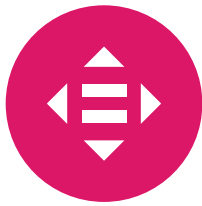
Schools with Activity



17th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





10 Reduced Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Become an ally for BLM and LGBTQ+ community
- Assist with mapping accessibility issues
- Facilitate online discussions
- Promote minority-owned businesses

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at events for people with special needs
- Improve accessibility for differently abled individuals
- Facilitate a workshop / retreat

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

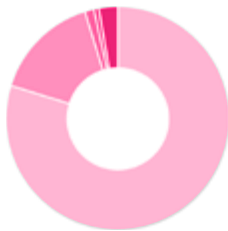
- NAACP
- Opportunity Youth Network
- Special Olympics Unified Schools



Most Common Motivation

Connectedness

Action Type



80% VOLUNTEERING
15% TAKING PART
1% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
3% LEADING

64%

Activities with a Group

6%

In-Home Activities

"I made a poem on autism

awareness. This made me reflect and have compassion for the neurodivergent community. People will hopefully see my poem and feel seen."

Isabella, Sophomore

Days of Awareness

MARCH 1

Zero Discrimination Day

MARCH 21

International Day: Elimination of Racial Discrimination

JUNE

Pride Month

DECEMBER 3

International Day: Persons with Disabilities



564

Published Event Activities



9%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

71%
single activity with cause

5.7
average hours per activity

29%
of volunteers returning to cause
1.9 avg activities
4.5 avg hrs/activity



\$1,848,669

Community Impact Value



39%

Schools with Activity



9th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





11 Sustainable Cities & Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Chalk positive messages in the community
- Transcribe docs for Smithsonian Institute
- Host a in-home cultural cooking/arts class
- Digitize rural maps for disaster preparedness

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at a community event
- Donate/collect for disaster relief
- Participate in a cultural fair
- Volunteer at a historical society

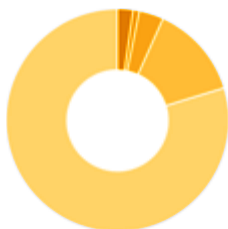
PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- Keep America Beautiful
- Red Cross
- Smithsonian Institute



Most Common Motivation
Connectedness

Action Type



80% VOLUNTEERING
13% TAKING PART
4% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
2% LEADING

74%

Activities
with a Group

3%

In-Home
Activities

"At my local temple, I volunteered
by unwrapping utensils and helping prepare
the space for a shared meal. The task was
simple, but it felt meaningful to contribute
in a small, hands-on way. Being there made
me more aware of how quiet service keeps
a community running. It left me feeling
grounded, grateful, and more connected to
the people around me."

Shriya, Junior

Days of Awareness

MARCH 8

World Urban Forum

MAY 21

World Day for Cultural Diversity
for Dialogue and Development

NOVEMBER 2

World Habitat Day

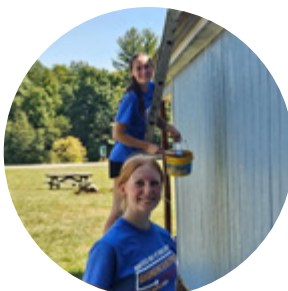
NOVEMBER 10

International Day: Public Transportation



2,434

Published
Event Activities



45%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

50%

single activity
with cause

4.9

average hours
per activity

50%

of volunteers returning to cause

2.3 avg activities

3.8 avg hrs/activity



\$9,096,047

Community Impact Value



60%

Schools with Activity



12th

Students Ranked as
Most Important Goal





12 Responsible Consumption & Production

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Take part in recycling projects
- Complete a food waste audit
- Organize a hard-to-recycle recycling drive

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at a thrift store
- Volunteer for a food-recovery program
- Start a composting project
- Start a school garden

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- Keep America Beautiful
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- World Wildlife Fund



Most Common Motivation

Compassion

Action Type



82% VOLUNTEERING
4% TAKING PART
7% DONATING
1% ADVOCATING
6% LEADING

60%

Activities
with a Group

2%

In-Home
Activities

"I unpackaged different

returned items that can be given back to people in my community that are struggling. This activity made me feel connected to my community and grateful to be able to give back to people that need support."

Nadia, Junior

Days of Awareness

MARCH 18
Global Recycling Day

MARCH 18
Circular Economy Awareness Week

SEPTEMBER 27
Stop Food Waste Day



328

Published
Event Activities



6%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

64%
single activity
with cause

3.9
average hours
per activity

36%
of volunteers returning to cause
2.2 avg activities
2.8 avg hrs/activity



\$880,241

Community Impact Value



33%

Schools with Activity



16th

Students Ranked as
Most Important Goal





13 Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Advocate for change
- Publish climate education info
- Join a citizen scientist project
- Lead a campaign to ban plastic straws in your community

IN COMMUNITY

- Join a climate march
- Join Earth Day / month events
- Plan & lead earth celebration events

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- Greenpeace
- Sierra Club
- Youth For Climate Action



Most Common Motivation

Connectedness

Action Type



51% VOLUNTEERING
25% TAKING PART
1% DONATING
9% ADVOCATING
14% LEADING

42%

Activities with a Group

28%

In-Home Activities

"We went to different places

in the area to learn about environmental justice. There was lots of history about our city I did not previously know so it was very interesting to hear about. I enjoyed seeing the organic farm, beaches, and the cultural gardens. Many of these were places I have never been and would love to go back to one day."

Audriana, Senior

Days of Awareness

APRIL 22
Earth Day

JUNE 5
World Environment Day

SEPTEMBER 7
International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies



9

Published Event Activities



.4%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

87%
single activity with cause

5.1
average hours per activity

13%
of volunteers returning to cause
1.3 avg activities
4.3 avg hrs/activity



\$49,606

Community Impact Value



10%

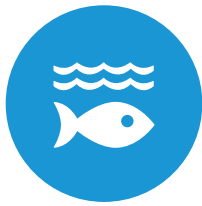
Schools with Activity



6th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





14 Life Below Water

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Clean up beaches and waterways
- Participate in a Zooniverse project
- Host a in-home watch party of an ocean health movie

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer at an aquarium
- Marine animal rescue programs
- Educate others on plastic impact
- Marine & coastal citizen scientist projects

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- EarthEcho
- Ocean Conservancy
- World Oceans Day



Most Common Motivation

Curiosity

Action Type



88% VOLUNTEERING
8% TAKING PART
0% DONATING
2% ADVOCATING
2% LEADING

44%

Activities with a Group

39%

In-Home Activities

"I enjoyed helping my community

by cleaning up the beach. I learned that there are different types of trash including plastic, metal, and cigarettes. After the event I was very motivated to do these beach cleanups more often I really liked it."

Ashly, Sophomore

Days of Awareness

JUNE 8

World Oceans Day

JUNE 16

World Sea Turtle Day

JULY 7

International Save the Vaquita Day



47

Published Event Activities



2%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

79%
single activity with cause

3.9
average hours per activity

21%
of volunteers returning to cause
1.5 avg activities
3.6 avg hrs/activity



\$290,344

Community Impact Value



22%

Schools with Activity



11th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





15 Life on Land

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Remove invasive species
- Organize a park cleanup
- Make pet toys for a local animal shelter
- Plant trees

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer with a zoo or civic garden
- Bio-eco club
- Tree canopy projects
- Promote sanctuaries / endangered species projects

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

- 4-H
- The Humane Society
- World Wildlife Fund



Most Common Motivation

Compassion

Action Type



87% VOLUNTEERING
6% TAKING PART
4% DONATING
4% ADVOCATING
2% LEADING

65%

Activities with a Group

7%

In-Home Activities

"I went to the humane society

where I looked at so many animals and met them. I cleaned up, helped out and made many new connections with animals that needed attention. It felt good to be able to know I made an animal feel loved and appreciated, because they don't get that often. I felt compassion and love."

Lily, Junior

Days of Awareness

MARCH 3
World Wildlife Day

MAY 22
International Day: Biological Diversity

OCTOBER 5
World Habitat Day



547

Published Event Activities



19%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

64%
single activity with cause

4.1
average hours per activity

36%
of volunteers returning to cause
2.2 avg activities
3.4 avg hrs/activity



\$3,303,398

Community Impact Value



48%

Schools with Activity



8th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





16 Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Local Board of Elections volunteer
- Support military members & families
- Develop voter education guides
- Organize a voter registration drive

IN COMMUNITY

- Volunteer for veterans programs
- Volunteer at religious service
- Welcome Honor Flights upon arrival
- Organize a debate watch party & group discussion
- Lead campaign to reduce gun violence

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

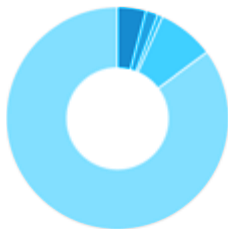
- Amnesty International
- Honor Flights & Veteran Programs
- Vote411



Most Common Motivation

Spirituality

Action Type



85% VOLUNTEERING
8% TAKING PART
.7% DONATING
2% ADVOCATING
4% LEADING

64%

Activities with a Group

1%

In-Home Activities

"I volunteer at my local church

where I serve as a teacher for young children, helping them learn and grow in a positive environment. It is one of the most rewarding things I do because I genuinely enjoy making a difference in the lives of kids. Giving my time to serve my community and the children in it is something I am truly proud of."

Alex, Junior

Days of Awareness

FEBRUARY 20
World Day of Social Justice

AUGUST 19
World Humanitarian Day

SEPTEMBER 21
International Day of Peace

DECEMBER 10
Human Rights Day



248

Published Event Activities



19%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

54%
single activity with cause

8.3
average hours per activity

46%
of volunteers returning to cause
3.2 avg activities
4.8 avg hrs/activity



\$6,729,919

Community Impact Value



56%

Schools with Activity



5th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal





17 Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnerships for sustainable development

Meaningful Activities

IN-HOME

- Join education series on the Global Goals
- Organize national day-of-service activities
- Leadership conference

IN COMMUNITY

- Participate in day-of-service programs
- Collaboration for the Global Goals

PROGRAMS TO EXPLORE

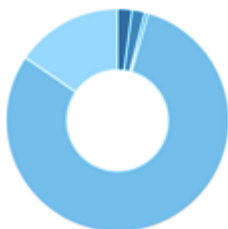
- Family, Career & Community Leaders of America
- UNA-USA Chapters



Most Common Motivation

Connectedness

Action Type



15% VOLUNTEERING
80% TAKING PART
.5% DONATING
2% ADVOCATING
2% LEADING

15%

Activities with a Group

3%

In-Home Activities

"I attended the youth rep

training in person and learned about what being a youth representative is, sustainable development goals, CAS learning outcomes, and other important things like preparation. I also received papers, which is included."

Liya, Sophomore

Days of Awareness

JANUARY 17

Martin Luther King Day of Service

APRIL 26-27

Global Youth Service Day

AUGUST 12

International Youth Day

SEPTEMBER 11

9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance

OCTOBER 25

United Nations Day



21

Published Event Activities



.3%

Students Taking Action

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

80%
single activity
with cause

2.8
average hours
per activity

30%

of volunteers returning to cause

2.0 avg activities
1.9 avg hrs/activity



\$26,776

Community Impact Value



3%

Schools with Activity



14th

Students Ranked as Most Important Goal



Volunteer Patterns

With the complex and demanding schedules of students, we have found success by providing flexible tools that support a variety of ways to engage in service – as individual students, with groups and clubs, as well as through school-wide programs. The patterns below suggest the average commitment in hours, interactions, and cause interest diversity for students.

Volunteer Spikes



Avg Daily Activities

October
November
March
February



Student Commitment to Causes



43%

8 hrs to <16 hrs
for a Single Cause

33%

16 hrs to <40 hrs
for a Single Cause

16%

40 hrs+
for a Single Cause

Volunteer Focus



23%

Single Cause
Focus

21%

2 Global Goals

21%

3 Global Goals

17%

4 Global Goals

18%

5+ Global Goals

Activity Averages by Class

SENIORS, Class of 2026

34% of Students
38% of All Activities
44.0 Hours
10.3 Activities
3.1 Causes

JUNIORS, Class of 2027

34% of Students
37% of All Activities
38.6 Hours
10.1 Activities
3.1 Causes

SOPHOMORES, Class of 2028

20% of Students
17% of All Activities
30.2 Hours
7.9 Activities
2.7 Causes

FRESHMEN, Class of 2029

12% of Students
8% of All Activities
22.9 Hours
6.8 Activities
2.5 Causes



SDG Youth Impact Recognition

National Community Service Awards

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Students who devote their time and talents to serving others play a vital role in building a more inclusive and compassionate world for everyone. The National Awards program provides a unique platform for students to connect their personal and collective community service efforts with the advancement of the United Nations Global Goals.

These awards have been thoughtfully designed to honor and celebrate various levels of progress and commitment. Ambassador Awardees are exemplary leaders who have demonstrated their dedication at the community and regional levels, investing their personal efforts and inspiring others to take meaningful actions. Honor Awardees have made a deliberate commitment to apply their personal skills to address issues that deeply resonate with them. Merit Awardees are recognized for their commendable choice to contribute to meaningful causes within their community, actively participating in the journey towards a better world.

During the 2025-26 school year, an impressive cohort of over 15,000 students received recognition for their outstanding contributions to community service. These students not only earned National Awards but also served as powerful sources of inspiration for their peers, encouraging them to become actively engaged in their own communities. Together, they exemplify the spirit of altruism and collective action that is vital for shaping a brighter future for all.



This award program is open to all high school and college aged students in the United States. We want the world to see all the good you do!

Learn more at:

InnerView.org/Awards

"While the challenges of our time are real, seeing young people step up reminds us that change is always possible. We are so proud to partner with InnerView to celebrate these changemakers who are proving that you don't have to wait for the future to make the world a better, more united place."

Farah Salim Eck

Managing Director

United Nations Association of the USA



AMBASSADOR AWARDEES

2,793

100+ Volunteer Hours across
12+ Activities



HONOR AWARDEES

3,329

60+ Volunteer Hours across
8+ Activities



MERIT AWARDEES

6,968

40+ Volunteer Hours across
4+ Activities





Champions of Change

Social Impact Partners

Through partnerships with Champions of Change –community leaders, committed socially responsible businesses, national organizations, and government agencies– we empower young people to take meaningful action in their communities while creating a digital InnerView Service Resume that highlights their skills, interests, commitment and impact for use in job and college applications.

Our Champions of Change social impact partners are interested in recognizing, endorsing, and elevating the individuals and groups who have chosen to invest time and talent in the causes they care about. Special programs, educational series, and volunteer experiences are offered to students across the InnerView network.

Thanks to the generous support of Champions of Change, all students (ages 14-25), high schools, and college clubs in the US are able to access programs, tools, and create service resumes free of charge. We invite you to learn more about the meaningful initiatives and programs of our national partners at InnerView.org and the following pages.

To learn more about Champions of Change, contact us at: Partner@InnerView.org

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Front cover
graphic reflects
the percentage of
schools with activity
for each Sustainable
Development Goal

