Volunteer Viewpoint
April 2021

A Newsletter for Friends and Volunteers of the Agency

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision- we envision a nation where the lives of caregiving youth are understood, appreciated, and celebrated on their individual path to life's dreams and opportunities.

Mission- we champion youth, who care for chronically ill, injured, elderly or disabled family members, support their role as caregiver, safeguard and celebrate their success in school and life.

FROM THE VOLUNTEER MANAGER

Dear Volunteers:

We have had an action packed several months for our caregiving youth with the help and dedication of our volunteers.

For Valentine's Day, we were fortunate to shower our youth with much love in the form of homemade cards, from our longtime, very talented volunteer, Judy Wong, as well as the students from Pinecrest School in Boca Raton. We also had numerous volunteers put together and deliver Valentine's Day packages to all our caregiving youth at their homes. There was also a Valentine's Day cookie making Zoom for the students led by Carolyn Burie. Volunteers delivered the cookie ingredients to all participants prior to the event.

With the beautiful Florida weather, the youth were able to have some wonderful outdoor activities and many received bikes. Volunteers helped to transport our youth to these activities, so they would get to experience the Everglades and beach activities.

We are grateful to have received over 60 new bicycles and helmets donated by Boca West Children's Foundation to our caregiving youth. The assembly and delivery of these bikes was certainly a labor of love. Ronnie Belletieri put together all of these bicycles!!! His wife and treasured volunteer, Debralyn, housed all the bikes at their home until they were delivered by our amazing volunteers.

Wishing you a wonderful Spring season!

With gratitude,

Amanda Levine
Volunteer Manager

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:
MADISON MONACO
On-going Volunteers Needed For:
Mentoring
Meal Deliveries
Tutoring
Event Transporting
Community Outreach
Clerical Assistance
Fundraising
Social Networking
Video/Photography
Writers
Public Relations
Basic Computer Skills

Want to make a difference in the lives of caregiving youth?
Contact me today!
Amanda Levine
Amanda@aacy.org
561-391-7401

Madison is one of our newest and most committed volunteers at AACY. Her passion in life has always been to work with youth and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Since the first time Madison volunteered with AACY in October 2020, for clean-up committee at the AACY Truck or Trick Event, it has been obvious that she is a very special and caring individual who goes above and beyond.

Over the past six months, Madison has volunteered in so many capacities- delivering food and bikes to caregiving youth, transporting youth to events, chaperoning events, helping out in the office and recently becoming a mentor, to not one but two mentees!

Madison is always willing to lend a hand whenever the organization is in need. Growing up, Madison came from a single parent home and understands the struggles of living below poverty level. Her passion was fueled by her role model and best friend, her mother, who raised 3 kids on her own and always made sure that every decision was made to pour love and opportunity into her children.

Madison’s father had Parkinson’s disease and was in and out of her life. She took on the role of caregiver and power of attorney for him during her high school years and remained a primary caregiver alongside her mother and little sister until he succumbed to his disease this year.

In the past, Madison has served as a Sunday school teacher at Passion Church, a youth group leader and co-founder at The Light of The World, and coordinated many bake sales, clothing and food drives to help those in need.
She also participated in homeless outreach ministries, providing food, essentials, and caring human contact to children and adults living on the streets of San Diego. Her dream is to become a missionary so she can continue to spread hope, help, and love to children all over the world.

She is currently in schooling for youth ministry and hopes to pursue a degree in either social work or neonatal nursing.

“AACY has been an immense blessing to me,” said Madison. "I take such joy in being a mentor and partaking in volunteer work to assist the youth in the program. I want to thank Amanda, especially for coordinating my involvement in this Association, as well as all the wonderful volunteers who work so hard each week to make a difference in this tough world.”