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Service-Learning as Engaged Citizenship

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State of Democracy in the U.S.

- 41% of Americans 18 years of age and older today are consistent supporters of democracy.
- 59% majority—are inconsistent supporters of democracy.
- Only one in four Americans between 18 and 39 years old is a consistent supporter of democracy.

State of Democracy in the U.S.

- Young people lack basic knowledge about the Constitution, American government, history, and democracy.
- Voting is the only way most inconsistent supporters of democracy know how (or are told how) to participate in democracy.
- Only four in ten Americans said they wanted to work to keep and improve democracy today.



Future of Democracy

- Young people still believe in freedom - it evokes emotion and passion.
- Community is also valued as a place of unity, togetherness, and hope.
- 90% of Americans agree that volunteering can create positive change where they live

Service-Learning and Democracy

Service-learning **transforms** disparate students into a **cohesive community**, creating something stronger and more beautiful in its **collective creation**.

As students volunteer their time, skills, and resources, they **demonstrate a commitment to the well-being of those around them**. They know they are part of something bigger than themselves and that connection creates a sense of **belonging and acceptance**.



Transforming Students

- By engaging in meaningful service, students become active participants in civic life, fostering a sense of duty and responsibility.
- Service-learning also fosters social cohesion and trust among community members.
- Service-learning exposes students to the realities of social issues, raising awareness and promoting informed civic engagement.



YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING ACTION



YOUTH AS SOLUTIONS

Youth as Solutions (YaS) is creating a generation of citizens who are passionate about making a positive impact in their schools and communities through service-learning.



THE IMPACT

53 STUDENT-LED TEAMS

106
YOUTH
LEADERS

62
ADULT
LEADERS

988
YOUTH ENGAGED IN
SERVICE LEARNING

72,703
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
IMPACTED



1,000,000 + SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

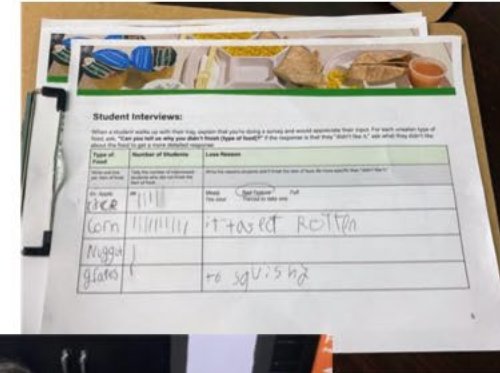


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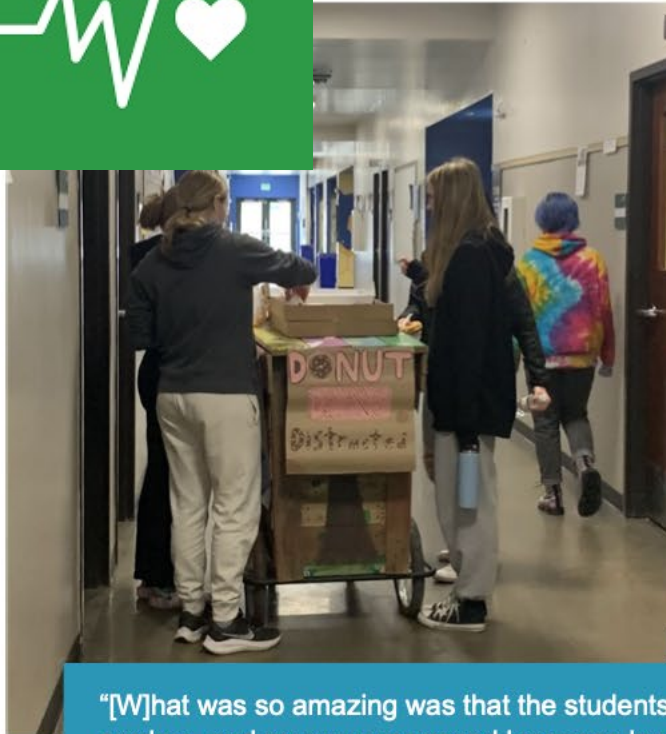
“Our students not only developed as leaders, they also set an example and left systems in place for other leaders who are now eager to work on our next service-learning project.” – Adult Leaders





Peak to Peak Charter School

Lafayette, CO



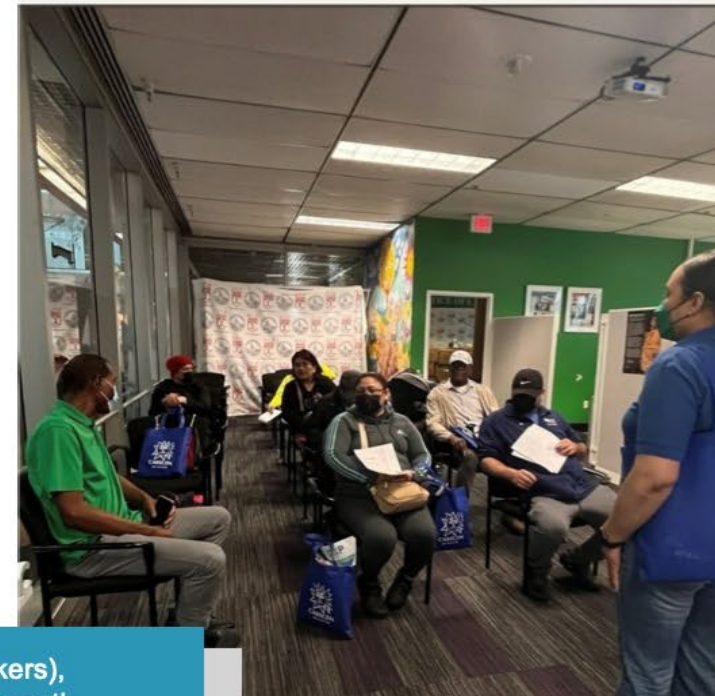
“[W]hat was so amazing was that the students teaching were primarily ninth graders, and many were second language learners. ... The pride these students had came from being heard, knowing they were making a difference, and knowing that they designed a super cool cart.” – Kristie Letter, teacher

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



The Latino Student Fund

Washington, DC



Students were trained as Promotores de Salud (community health workers), planning and conducting health fairs and other outreach activities. One youth participant vowed to “spread the information I learned and help advocate for those underrepresented in my community.”



Kittatinny Regional High School

Newton, NJ



“Service-learning is valuable to our students - building essential life skills. We are proud we decided to become H2O Heroes.”



Video

Thank you very much!



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