

YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE SPRING BREAK 2026 IMPACT



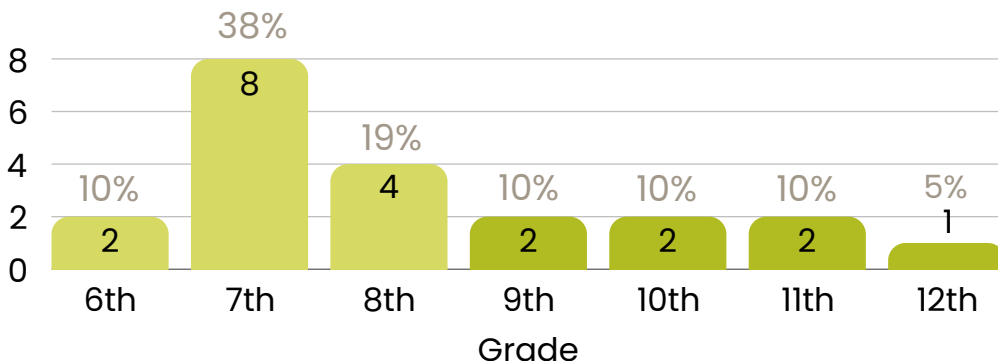
What is YES? Youth Engaged in Service is a free service-learning program that connects ALX students ages 11 to 18 to meaningful volunteer opportunities at nonprofits and government agencies. Youth explore the social issues facing Alexandria and discover the impact they can have in combatting them.

126 Hours Served	\$4,661 Value of Service*	21 Unique Participants	6 Agencies Served
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*Based on the 2025 Independent Sector Value of \$36.99 per hour

 March 31 Community Building	 April 1 Environment Day	 April 2 Food Insecurity
St. Martin de Porres Center Community Lodgings	Meade Memorial Church Four Mile Run Conservancy	Adult Day Services Center* The Carpenter's Shelter

*A last-minute change from ALIVE!, who experienced a power outage and will participate in the summer program.



The majority of participants were **middle school students (65%)**, specifically seventh graders. The most represented school was **George Washington Middle School**.

A Parent's Perspective

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of the students were repeat participants.



"My child had a fantastic experience during her three days and learned a lot about the community and the organizations and people serving it. Thank you!"

A Positive Educational Experience



48%



97%



Before YES, **48%** of participants said they **“frequently”** and **“sometimes”** choose to volunteer. After, **97%** said they **would volunteer again**.

Before the program, **71%** of participants agreed that they **make a positive impact** in Alexandria. **29%** were neutral.

After, **100%** of participants agreed that **YES highlighted the value and positive impact** they can bring to Alexandria.

53%



90%



Before YES, **53%** of participants considered themselves **well-informed about social justice issues** facing Alexandrians. **90%** of participants felt that YES **increased their awareness of local issues**.

66% of participants considered themselves **knowledgeable about how nonprofits work** to benefit Alexandria.

90% of participants **increased their knowledge** about how nonprofits benefit Alexandria.



100%

of participants improved their skills to communicate and interact with older adults.

Senior Testimonials

“Impressed with the thinking of the youth.”

“The young adults appeared to be mature and able to interact with the seniors very well.”

Student Testimonials

Students commented on enjoying “community building, making new friends, and feeling impactful making cards”