



回馈社区：华府青年秋季募捐活动汇聚温暖力量(上)

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马里兰州, 2025年11月16日 — 在寒风呼啸的清晨, 2025年华府青年(CYOC)“秋季募捐·温暖社区”活动在Wootton高中的停车场顺利启动。在短短半天时间内, CYOC收集了超过1万件物资, 装满了一辆大型货车的车箱。捐赠物品涵盖冬季外套、毛衣、靴子、毯子及其他季节性衣物, 儿童玩具、书籍、背包、厨房用品、美术用品, 以及各类生活必需品。同时, 多家本地小企业也慷慨提供新物品和库存商品, 进一步扩大了捐赠的影响力。这份热情与奉献, 充分彰显了CYOC对社区弱势群体的关心与支持, 也让此次募捐成为CYOC历年来最成功的一次社区活动之一。

携手社区, 回馈社会

从上午10点开始, 捐赠现场车辆络绎不绝, 社区家庭陆续送来轻微使用或全新的衣物、床上用品、玩具、书籍及学习美术用品等。一些捐赠者还带来了完整无损的笔记本电脑和平板电脑, CYOC设立了专门收集站统一收集。所有日常物资将捐赠给CYOC的长期合作伙伴So What Else(SWE)。SWE会将这些捐赠物分发至大华府(DMV)地区资源匮乏的家庭和个人。冬季外套、毯子和鞋子将帮助家庭在寒冬中保持温暖, 玩具和书籍则为孩子们带来节日的欢乐与慰藉。而笔记本电脑和平板则交由另一合作伙伴KindWorks。KindWorks会安全清除设备上的个人信息, 并在必要时进行修复, 将其翻新为可正常使用的工具。这些设备将分发给缺乏科技资源的学生和家庭, 帮助他们完成作业、工作、参加线上会议, 并在数字化社会中保持与外界的连接。

志愿者的热情点亮寒冬

当天, 超过40名CYOC成员及其家庭积极参与志愿服务。大家分工明确, 不间断地卸车、搬运重箱、引导捐赠者、整理分类物品, 并将物资装上货车。即便寒风凛冽, 志愿者们依然热情高涨, 确保活动顺利进行。看着一袋袋衣物、玩具和生活必需品被捐出, 志愿者们脸上洋溢着温暖的笑容, 因为他们深知每一份捐赠都承载着希望, 将很快送到真正需要的人手中。这一刻, 让我深刻感受到CYOC的使命: 通过点滴善举和共同努力, 传递社区的温暖与关爱。

作为CYOC成员, 我已有三年多时间参与社区服务活动。这是我第三次组织捐赠活动, 每一次都见证了它的成长——不仅是物资数量的增加, 更是每位参与者满怀的热忱与奉献。站在寒风中, 与志愿者们一起忙

碌, 想到这些物资将在冬季为家庭送去温暖和支持, 我为华府青年而自豪, 也为能够贡献自己的力量而心怀感激。

致谢与展望

此次活动的成功离不开CYOC家庭的鼎力支持。特别感谢我们的成人顾问, Dr. Ping Lu和Dr. Yuexiang Xie, 感谢他们在活动中的指导与现场支持。我们也由衷感谢合作伙伴SWE和KindWorks, 正是有了他们的协作, 捐赠活动才能发挥更大影响力。同时, 衷心感谢本地小型企业及社区居民的慷慨支持, 你们的善意让此次活动充满温暖与爱心。正是有了你们的参与, 我们的努力才能转化为实际行动, 把希望与关爱传递给更多家庭。

展望未来, CYOC将继续致力于建设一个更温暖、更紧密的社区。俱乐部将持续深化与SWE和KindWorks的合作, 同时邀请更多本地企业和居民参与未来的公益活动。CYOC希望通过每一个项目, 激励年轻人以同理心为先, 主动承担社会责任, 并为有需要的人群贡献自己的力量。周日的捐赠活动不仅是华府青年的一次社区服务行动, 更充分展示了CYOC所蕴含的热情、活力与责任心——年轻人齐心协力, 能够带来希望、传递温暖, 并实实在在改善社区家庭的生活。

Giving Back: CYOC Turning Donations into Impact

By Ruichen Feng (CYOC Reporting Team) | Photography: CYOC Volunteers

Maryland, Nov. 16, 2025 — Braving sharp winds and chilly morning temperatures, volunteers, families, local businesses, and community members came together on Sunday for the Capital Youth Outreach Club's (CYOC) 2025 Fall Donation Drive — marking one of the club's most successful events to date.

In just half a day, CYOC collected more than 10,000 donated items, filling an entire large delivery truck. Contributions included winter jackets, sweaters, boots, blankets, other seasonal clothing, children's toys, backpacks, books, kitchenware, art supplies, and various household essentials. Several local businesses also donated new goods and surplus items,

further amplifying the impact of the drive. The turnout highlighted the community's generosity and dedication to helping those in need.

Strong Community Support and Key Partnerships

From 10:00 AM to noon, cars arrived steadily as families dropped off lightly used or new items, including warm clothing, scarves, gloves, bedding, toys, children's books, household necessities, and school and art materials. Some donors brought unbroken laptops and tablets, which were collected at a dedicated tech station.

All general items collected will be delivered to So What Else (SWE), CYOC's long-term community partner. SWE will distribute these donations across the DMV region, supporting under-resourced families and individuals. Winter coats, blankets, and shoes will help families stay warm as temperatures drop, while toys and books will bring comfort and joy to children during the holiday season. Meanwhile, all laptops and tablets will be donated to KindWorks, another valued partner. KindWorks will securely clear personal data, repair devices if needed, and refurbish them into fully functional tools. These devices will then be distributed to students and families who lack access to technology, enabling them to complete homework, apply for jobs, attend virtual appointments, and stay connected in an increasingly digital world.

Volunteer Effort Makes the Day Possible

More than 40 CYOC members and their families volunteered to support the event. Students, parents, and community members worked tirelessly to unload cars, carry heavy boxes, guide donors, sort items by category, and load everything onto SWE's delivery truck. Their teamwork, dedication, and energy kept the event running smoothly, even in challenging weather.

Despite the gusts of wind, a sense of warmth filled the parking lot. Watching families arrive with bags of clothes, toys, and household essentials created a deep sense of purpose. Each donation reminded us that these

items would soon support individuals and families who truly needed them. For me, as a CYOC member for over three years, this donation drive was particularly meaningful. It was my third time organizing a donation drive, and each year I've watched it grow — not just in the number of items collected, but in the heart, dedication, and enthusiasm behind it. Standing in the cold alongside so many volunteers, I felt proud of our club and grateful to contribute once again. Seeing the truck fill up and knowing these donations will help families stay warm, nourished, and connected through the winter reminded me why I continue to serve.

Acknowledgment and Looking Ahead

This event would not have been possible without the incredible support of our CYOC families. Special thanks to our adult advisors, Dr. Ping Lu and Yuexiang Xie, for their guidance and hands-on support throughout the day. We are deeply grateful to our partners, So What Else (SWE) and KindWorks, whose collaboration helped maximize the impact of this donation drive. Heartfelt thanks also go to the local small businesses and community members whose generous contributions filled this event with care and compassion. Your support turned our collective effort into meaningful action, spreading warmth and hope to families across the DMV.

Looking ahead, CYOC remains deeply committed to building a kinder, stronger, and more connected community. The club will continue strengthening its partnerships with SWE and KindWorks while encouraging more local businesses and residents to join future service events. With every project, CYOC strives to empower young people to lead with compassion, take initiative, and stand up for those in need. Sunday's donation drive was not only a milestone for the organization but also a powerful demonstration of the passion, energy, and heart that define CYOC — showing what young people can achieve when they come together with purpose, creating hope, spreading warmth, and making a real difference in the lives of families across the DMV.

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