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Hello everyone! My name is Nani Hussein, and I am proud to serve as the Team Leader at Humboldt Park this year. This is my second year with City Year, and I'm excited to continue supporting our students and strengthening our school community.

As we step into December, I'm looking forward to all the growth, joy, and momentum this season brings. Our team is energized and ready to elevate student success, celebrate classroom wins, and share meaningful moments with you throughout the year.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead, learn, and serve alongside such an incredible community—and I can't wait for everything ahead.



*Nani Hussein,
Team Leader at Humboldt Park*

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MEET THE TEAM!

Get to know the team through their Why I Serve statements!

LANA

First- Year
AmeriCorps Member

Why I Serve: I love giving back to the community I grew up in. I also love supporting youth so they can do great things in the future and be good people. I also wanted to be a role model to those who may not have that at home.

RACHEL

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

Why I Serve: I serve with City Year because I want to be a support and advocate for kids that don't have that kind of access. I want to make them feel seen and heard and help them to become lifelong learners.

VY

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

Why I Serve: I serve because I was one of those kids who used to constantly get ignored by teachers or not receive the help I needed and so I want to make sure another child never has go through that and show them that it's okay to ask for help because that's what we are here for.

GINA

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

Why I Serve: I serve with City Year to make an impact on student lives, no matter how small or big. I believe everyone has so much untapped potential, and I want to be able to ignite that fire. I serve to consistently provide a positive support for the students. I serve with empathy, to give students a voice that can be heard. I strive to build foundation as a leader. I serve alongside my students to continue to grow.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I want to give a special shoutout to *R., who has shown tremendous growth since the start of the school year. At the beginning, she often needed frequent redirection, but over the past few weeks, she has truly stepped into her power — becoming one of the most focused, respectful, and positive role models in our classroom.

Despite navigating a language barrier, *R. has made remarkable progress in her handwriting, spelling, and overall confidence. She approaches each day with determination and a kind heart. One of my favorite things she says is:

"I am kind. Kindness grows kindness."

Her growth is a reminder of the brilliance our students bring and the great things they can accomplish with encouragement, consistency, and belief in themselves.

-First Year AmeriCorps member, Lana



Face Painting at our Harvest Fest after school event!

*Pseudonym used to protect student identity

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We want to extend our appreciation to Mr. Conner, Principal at Humboldt Park Public School, for his leadership and partnership as we launch this new year of service together.

From day one, Mr. Conner and his team have leaned fully into our partnership—welcoming City Year into the school community, creating space for collaboration, and ensuring our AmeriCorps members feel supported and set up for success.

His commitment to fostering a positive, student-centered environment has made a meaningful difference as our teams integrate into classrooms and begin building relationships with students and staff. We're grateful for his openness, guidance, and the strong foundation he's helping us build at Humboldt Park.

Q&A With Principal Conner!

Q: How long have you been the Principal at Humboldt Park School?

A: 6 years

Q: What is your favorite thing about Humboldt?

A: The diversity! We have a saying, "Rooted in the community, educating the world." Over 12 languages are spoken at Humboldt!

Q: What impact has City Year Milwaukee had on Humboldt?

A: Students who were more passive learners are now more engaged and increasing their learning. City Year has brought a lot more joy to Humboldt, even just having someone greeting you with a cheer! Teachers also value having City Year as part of the team and the collaboration occurring towards our common goals.



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CURRENT EVENTS



Our After-School Camp Program is kicking off soon! City Year AmeriCorps members will begin planning engaging and enriching after-school activities for students to enjoy throughout the year.

We just hosted an exciting event — a festive Turkey Bingo After-School Celebration! It was a great opportunity for fun, prizes, and community-building as we head into the holiday season.

Stay tuned for more after-school updates and ways to get involved!



PROGRESS TO GOALS

This quarter, our team has been deeply focused on literacy support through our participation in the Literacy League. Together, we meet regularly to identify areas where our youngest learners need additional support. Our partner teachers then implement these strategies in the classroom, with City Year AmeriCorps members providing consistent, hands-on reinforcement.

We are currently supporting 38 focus list students in grades K–2, including:

- 18 math support students
- 20 ELA support students

We've already seen tremendous growth from our students, and we're excited to continue building on this momentum throughout the year!

HOW TO APPLY

Interested in serving with City Year Milwaukee? Applications for our next corps are open now at www.cityyear.org.

If you know a young person who may be a great fit, please connect them with our Community Partnerships Manager, Ysel, for more information and support.



GET CONNECTED!

Scan this QR code to connect directly with the City Year Milwaukee site for recruitment opportunities, upcoming events, and ways to get involved!

