

**Olivia Baddley, First Place**

Mauldin High School  
Simpsonville, SC

Olivia started a program called "Beyond the Mountaintop," a camp specifically for foster children, in an effort to build their self-esteem and expose them to an active lifestyle outdoors. Olivia implemented her program for foster children and their foster parents in November 2012, providing opportunities for the children to get outdoors as well as educational sessions for the parents. Olivia was named the top high school youth volunteer in South Carolina for her project and hopes to implement her program in other areas in the future.

**Nandita Karambelkar, Second Place**

SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities  
Goose Creek, SC

Nandita had a desire to inculcate a love of reading in children in her community and established the "Bright Smiles Reading Program" to achieve this goal. She collected donations of books and set up book centers for children in several communities while also coordinating volunteers to read with children in the Greenville and Charleston communities. Nandita also expanded her program to students at Sanwad School in Lonavala, India.

**Ellie Fowler, Third Place**

Marlboro Academy  
Bennettsville, SC

Ellie coordinated a program, "Love a Pet," for high school volunteers to spend their time assisting local animal shelters. She also held a supply drive with her Interact Club to take donations for the animal shelters. Ellie and her team of volunteers contributed 68 service hours to these shelters in the 5 months of her program.

**Punam Mulji, Honorable Mention**

Dorman High School  
Spartanburg, SC

Punam's project, the District Six Tutoring Enrichment Program, aimed to provide out-of-class tutoring opportunities to students in local elementary schools. She was able to work with a team of high school volunteers to provide after-school tutoring to these students, and she has passed the program down to a new team of leaders to be continued after her graduation.

**Joey Baldwin**

North Augusta High School

North Augusta, SC

With an interest in preserving the history of his town, Joey worked with the Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta on the “North Augusta Legacy Project” to educate students about film techniques that would then be applied to interviews of citizens in the community. Joey facilitated a film seminar for students and was able to record oral histories of 11 citizens, and he hopes to continue training students and completing interviews to contribute to his project.

**Karthik Chandrasekar**

Southside High School

Simpsonville, SC

Karthik worked with the organization “Generous Gardens,” an organization that seeks to fight hunger in South Carolina by providing locally grown produce to charities. Karthik is currently working with Generous Gardens to raise awareness for the project and he has plans to hold an event that will contribute to publicity for the project and for the issue of hunger in South Carolina.

**Ken Krupa**

Hammond High School

Elgin, SC

Ken started a club at his school, “Ken’s Club for Kids,” and partnered with the Columbia City Kids Marathon to raise awareness about childhood obesity in his high school and community. Along with other volunteers from his school, Ken assisted with the marathon and also taught participants about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and provided them with educational materials.

**Alex Garland**

Aynor High School Scholars Academy

Galivants Ferry, SC

Alex saw that a number of students in his high school were struggling with their normal coursework, and saw an opportunity to provide after-school tutoring by working with his fellow students and his school’s chapter of the National Honors Society. Alex worked with both students and teachers to provide assistance to students at least once a week for some of the most difficult courses at his high school.