

2023 – 2024 Service Summaries

North: Carter Riordan

This year's Make a Difference Day for Northern Ohio was a resounding success. It was held on November 11th, and despite the chilly weather eleven people turned out. The service project was a collaboration with the Cleveland Metroparks. We spent three hours removing invasive grape vines and honeysuckle plants, and planting native wildflowers. This project was essential to maintaining ecological diversity in the park that we worked at. Now, future visitors at the park will be able to see more vibrant foliage, and native animals will be protected from habitat loss.

Central: Henry Allen

On November 11th, 2023 we continued the tradition of working with Ms. Christy Bening and Columbus Academy's Kids4Kids Service Program. We handed out clothing, toys, and other items gathered by their fundraiser. Around 20 students came to the Childhood League Center in downtown Columbus to manage the inventory, carry items to cars, and then reset the room. It lasted from 9 AM to 12:30 PM, with dozens of families served.

South: Anna Kunkel

For the South Make-a-Difference day, JCLers went to St. Leo church to assist the Student Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees in signing families up for Imagination Library, a program that delivers free books to kids' homes. On January 28th, JCLers arrived after service to engage directly with parishioners. They helped subscribe each family to the program, working diligently alongside other students to assist as many families as possible. The event was a great success! We were able to sign up 20 spanish-speaking families for the program who will now all receive free books each month.