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# A Statewide DJJ Initiative **RESTORING CAROLINA THROUGH YOUTH SERVICE**

September 2015



## Giving Back

As an agency with staff in communities across the state, the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) recognizes its role in helping make our communities' better places to live, work, and play. As juvenile justice professionals, we also know that when a crime is committed by a young person there is harm to the community and repair is needed – a concept known as Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). BARJ focuses on repairing the harm, rebuilding relationships, providing accountability and building skills for the young offender, balanced with public protection. Performing community service provides juvenile offenders with the opportunity to fulfill their obligations to make amends for their crimes by giving back to the community through service.

## Making a Difference

DJJ staff collaborate with local organizations year-round to help provide community service opportunities to youth who are involved with the agency and are required to provide community service. To further demonstrate our commitment to communities, in 2009 DJJ established a state-wide community service initiative called *Restoring Carolina through Youth Service*.

This event coincides with the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, and continues to make a difference in communities across the state each year. In 2014, 1,677 participants, including 866 juveniles and 811 DJJ staff and volunteers, conducted 109 community service projects in all 46 counties along with DJJ's Community Alternatives, Residential Services, and Broad River Road Complex (BRRC).

The goal of this annual result-driven initiative is to make significant contributions to the community, afford an opportunity for DJJ staff to model good citizenship to the youth and communities we serve, and provide an opportunity for our young people to give back to their communities in a positive way.

## Restoring Carolina through Youth Service 2015

DJJ will again be sponsoring this important activity in September 2015. Local DJJ offices and others within the agency will be identifying community service projects in which staff, juveniles and community partners can participate throughout the entire month.

As in past years, DJJ will partner with local businesses, non-profit agencies, community groups, law enforcement, churches, and schools, local food banks, and numerous other organizations statewide to do service. Our focus will be helping at homeless shelters, nursing homes, schools, public gardens, conducting food and clothing drives, painting and cleaning public buildings, sprucing up gardens and much more.

**Plan to join DJJ this Year in  
Restoring Carolina through Youth Service!**



**For more information please contact your local DJJ County Office (full listing on next page) or:**  
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**For additional DJJ resources please visit our website:**  
<http://www.state.sc.us/djj/>

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