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Community Service and Social Responsibility are cornerstones of every Rite of Passage program. Our programs emphasize community engagement because it not only affords our students unique opportunities to engage with their neighbors, but it also opens students' eyes to the positive impact they can have on the world around them.

This year so far, students at Canyon State and Desert Lily Academies have performed over 1,500 hours of community service at events that have greatly impacted our local community. To name a few, these activities have ranged from assisting with parking at a rodeo, packing and replenishing fruit at the local farmers' market and painting walls at a group home, to assisting at vacation bible school, supporting the community with Earth Day recycling activities, and planting flowers and spreading gravel at a transitional living program for families experiencing homelessness.

Our students really enjoy these service projects and are excited to volunteer when opportunities arise. The feedback we've received from the various agencies and groups has been nothing short of positive and encouraging. One project manager recently said, "These young men have such a great work ethic. They showed up on time dressed nicely, changed into their work clothes, jumped right in to work and haven't stopped." He went on further to say that, "If any of them need ever need a reference, please don't hesitate to ask." By providing Canyon State and Desert Lily youth with these service opportunities, our students are establishing healthy and productive relationships with pro-social organizations and adult mentors.
