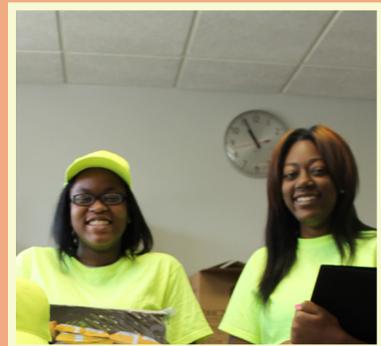


Mayor Frank G. Jackson's Youth Summer Employment Program

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230 Youth Start Summer Jobs Program

About 230 teenagers are part of the 2012 Frank G. Jackson Summer Youth Employment Program. The program, in its sixth year, is funded by the city and coordinated by Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU).

Largely based at the Cleveland Division of Water (CDW), youth are assigned to various teams with the goal of learning and earning. The youth are excited about working. "It's good to have a job to have a more independent feel," Kimshawna Ford said.

This year, there are 14 work learning projects, including creek cleaning, rain-barrel delivery, catch-basin locating, rain-garden installation, water testing, water meter administration and youth communications projects. This year's program also includes a resume-building project in which all students will create electronic resumes.

This year's theme is water sustainability. Youth will learn the importance of protecting our water supply. Partners in this



year's program include Cleveland Public Power, CDW, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cleveland Water Pollution Control and the Office of Sustainability. "The team cooperation helps with sports activities," said Ta'Lor Keith --**This article was written by Dominique Ballard, Natasha Burrell, Jada Mason-Hill and Rickierra Fisher**

Youth Spotlight: Jaylise Medcalf

Jaylise Medcalf is an amazing 15 year-old! She works with the administrative team without a struggle, despite the fact she is hearing-impaired. Jaylise said she was nervous at first, but now she enjoys working on the administrative team. On her team, she assists Lead Supervisor Shannon Williams with inventory and signing out equipment. Jaylise is an outstanding member of the team and the newsletter team enjoyed meeting her.



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Cleveland Public Power Partners With YOU

Cleveland Public Power (CPP) is the main power provider for about 80,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers throughout the Cleveland area.

CPP is a partner in the Frank G. Jackson Summer Youth Employment Program. Currently, CPP employs 40 youth from the program. The youth provide administrative support which includes copying, filing, typing and other office work.

Cleveland Water Pollution Control Has The Spotlight!

Cleveland Water Pollution Control (WPC) has partnered with Youth Opportunities Unlimited since 2007. WPC manages sanitary sewage and storm-water drainage collection systems in Cleveland.



There are 10 youth who report directly to the WPC office building on Kirby Avenue. The students handle administrative tasks, which include filing, organizing, performing data entry and processing work orders utilizing ACCELA software. ACCELA Software allows work orders to be entered into the system so employees can access customer information while in the field.

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Rain Barrels: Conserving Water, Lowering Bills

Everybody complains about their water bill! One way to conserve water and lower bills is by installing a rain barrel. One of the youth teams constructs and delivers rain barrels to Cleveland residents. The barrels are constructed at the Cleveland Division of Water on Harvard Avenue and delivered to residents throughout the city.

Lead by Field Supervisors Morgan Upshur and Ramone Foster, part of team delivers the barrels, while the other members call residents to arrange delivery of the barrels and to inspect barrels previously delivered.



Ta'Lor Keith, a Collinwood High School senior who is part of the team, said she is enjoying the assignment because her team members are cooperative and because the assignment keeps her active and moving. — **Written by Dominique Ballard, photos by Natasha Burrell.**

