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## Announcements

Congratulations to the Great Neck, West Essex, San Diego, Murrieta, Roslyn, Pearland, Syosset, Frisco & Plano, Chapel Hill, and Newtown branches for winning Branch of the Month for November 2025. Congratulations to the Gainesville branch for winning New Branch of the Month for November 2025.

December's monthly theme is "Holiday Cheer". We invite branches to incorporate this theme into their events.



## Monthly Themed Challenge: Veterans



Every November, communities across the nation pause to honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of America's veterans. This year, AYLUS branches nationwide dedicated themselves to celebrate Veterans Day by supporting and uplifting seniors, turning gratitude into meaningful action.

The Murrieta Branch led the effort by assisting with the Murrieta Field of Honor, placing flag stakes and raising hundreds of American flags. Their work created a powerful tribute to veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders. Echoing this spirit of respect, the Chapel Hill Branch collected flower donations for Charles House, bringing warmth and beauty to senior residents.

In Riverside County, members crafted heartfelt cards, guided painting activities, and helped decorate a senior home for the holidays, ensuring older adults, including local veterans, felt seen and appreciated. Other branches extended their support through acts of service as well.

Columbus volunteers performed music at Senior Star, Twin Cities members raked leaves for senior homeowners, and Greater Memphis supported residents at a local nursery home through hands-on care and companionship.

Together, AYLUS transforms its values of service and gratitude into impactful endeavors, fostering vibrant communities and paying an enduring tribute to those who have served.



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## Nourishing Our Neighbors This November

As winter approaches, around 18 million American families are unable to access food, often due to low income or insufficient social support. Across the United States, AYLUS branches fought to combat this lack of accessibility, banding together as a community to support those in need.



At AYLUS Murrieta, volunteers distributed Thanksgiving dinners through their local food bank, helping organize and pack boxes to ensure families could enjoy a holiday meal. In Houston, members sorted produce, making sure only high-quality items reached struggling households. Other branches focused on providing low-income families with ready-to-eat food. The Morrisville branch made food bags with sandwiches, snacks, and sweets, while the Pearland branch collected over 130 pounds of canned food for distribution.

Through collective effort and compassion, AYLUS branches demonstrated that dedication and collaboration are key to combating the issue of food scarcity. As the season continues, AYLUS will remain committed to upholding these values in everything we do.



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## Bringing Musical Cheer to Our Community

To brighten this holiday season, AYLUS branches across the country brought music to their communities. The Greater Buffalo Branch helped young violinists prepare for their holiday concert, while the Frisco & Plano branch hosted a lively community performance featuring singing, piano, and guzheng.



AYLUS Basking Ridge, Riverside County, Columbus, San Diego, and Chapel Hill shared holiday cheer through organizing concerts at senior homes, lifting the residents' spirits with heartfelt melodies. For many seniors, these performances offered companionship, nostalgia, and joy. Volunteers witnessed firsthand how music can ease loneliness, bring warmth, and turn an ordinary afternoon into a celebration of connection.

Through these concerts, AYLUS volunteers brought together people of different generations, strengthened community bonds, and created beautiful memories that will last long after the final bow. In the future, AYLUS will continue to explore creative avenues like music to bring all members of the community together.



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## Thanksgiving: the Season of Gratitude

Thanksgiving embodies the spirit of AYLUS—a concoction of food, music, and art that creates a harmonious blend of community, creativity, and care. As November approached its end, volunteers came together to spread joy in the season of gratitude.

AYLUS certainly understands the importance of the Thanksgiving feast. The Morris branch collected 48 pounds of food, the Rancho Cucamonga branch distributed meals at a local church, and the Greater Triangle branch maintained a clean and safe eating environment at a homeless shelter, showing commitment every step of the way.

Holiday celebrations also brought music and art to life. AYLUS Frisco & Plano performed a Thanksgiving concert at Stonemere Center, while Columbus members crafted placemats for Meals on Wheels. Additional festivities included AYLUS Twin Cities distributing supplies during Motion Turkey Day 5K, AYLUS Greater Memphis supporting GMUCA Thanksgiving Carnival Games, and AYLUS Greater Triangle collecting toys for donation.

In 2025, AYLUS kept the Thanksgiving spirit alive, reminding us all what truly matters most: gratitude, generosity, and connection.



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## Branch Spotlight AYLUS Roslyn Branch

Founded in 2022, the AYLUS Roslyn Branch has grown remarkably over the past three years—from just 3 members to 135, completing over 400 events, and earning the title of Branch of the Year for 2024 and 2025. Located in New York, the Roslyn Branch works closely with local organizations to develop a wide spectrum of service events, ensuring volunteers can explore meaningful activities that match their interests.



One of their flagship initiatives is environmental conservation. Through the Long Island Native Plant Initiative, members repot and water plants, prepare soil, and help restore local habitats. Their Stewardship Saturdays involve protecting biodiversity, removing invasive species, and supporting wildlife conservation.



The Roslyn Branch is deeply committed to supporting the medical community. Since February 2024, volunteers have completed over 100 events with the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, engaging residents in activities that promote mobility and enrichment. Members also lead fundraisers and participate in charity walks for organizations such as Sunshine Camp for Children with Cancer and CP Nassau.

Roslyn further combats food insecurity through NOSH Delivers, where volunteers package and distribute food to local families. With over 100 service events at the Glen Cove location and yearly food drives, the branch continues to deliver meaningful, sustained community impact.

Driven by student leadership, AYLUS Roslyn creates diverse service opportunities that address the unique needs of local communities. This flexibility allows members to lead with purpose, transforming passion into action and leaving a lasting impact at the local level.

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## WARM COATS, WARM HEARTS



As winter approaches, AYLUS branches nationwide have focused on providing warm essentials to community members in need. The Basking Ridge Branch hosted its annual Winter Clothing Drive, collecting coats, jackets, scarves, and other seasonal necessities before donating them to Bound Brook Goodwill. Riverside County volunteers gathered and sorted winter clothing and household items throughout the month to support local families during the holidays. The AYLUS Morris Branch partnered with Helping Hands to deliver 48 cleaned and organized winter coats for children and adults. In Greater Buffalo, volunteers sorted more than 200 donated articles of clothing, packing them into boxes for Journey's End to support resettled families. Scottsdale members added another layer of care by contributing shoes to the Soles4Souls winter donation drive, helping ensure individuals have proper footwear for the colder months.

Together, these efforts provided practical, timely assistance that will help many households stay warm, safe, and supported throughout the season.

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