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Announcements

Congratulations to the Great Neck, San Diego, West Essex, Frisco & Plano, Murrieta, Basking Ridge, Roslyn, Chapel Hill, Pearland, Greater Buffalo, and Syosset branches for winning Branch of the Month for March 2026. Congratulations to the Gainesville, Irvine, and San Ramon/Dublin branches for winning New Branch of the Month for March 2026.

April's monthly theme is "Senior Support." We invite branches to incorporate this theme into their events.



Monthly Themed Challenge EARTH DAY SUPPORT



As Earth Day approaches, there is an increasing reminder that everyone needs to do their part in supporting the environment. This March, AYLUS branches across the US participated in a variety of conservation efforts, with volunteers dedicated to cleaning up and preserving nature.



AYLUS Great Neck took part in a state park initiative for endangered species, constructing fences and flags that helped protect local birds. Other branches, including Riverside County, Murrieta, Irvine, and Bellaire, volunteered for park cleanups in order to preserve the ecosystems and create a clean and orderly environment. Each branch helped the local animals and plants to thrive in their respective communities.



By contributing their full efforts, AYLUS members allowed the nature around them to flourish and grow. In the future, AYLUS will continue to contribute not just to the community, but also the Earth as a whole.

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Marching into Easter

According to the National Retail Federation, about 4 in 5 Americans celebrate Easter. Leading up to this year's celebration, AYLUS members worked with their communities to boost holiday cheer.



Greenville NC volunteered for the Easter service at a rehabilitation center, wheeling residents to the worship center and passing out Easter eggs and gifts. For the annual Easter celebration at Greater Triangle, members packed food at a homeless shelter, giving hope to struggling families. Frisco and Plano volunteered at the CCCFC Easter Egg Hunt event by providing cotton candy, balloons, and face painting for fundraising.

Meanwhile, Columbus donated homemade Easter-themed placemats to the Dublin Retirement Village, and Pearland helped prepare thousands of Easter eggs for a neighborhood egg hunt. Morris assembled approximately 650 Easter eggs for organizations including Helping Hands and GRACE.



Whether it was packing food or preparing Easter accessories, AYLUS proved that community service can be just as festive as it is meaningful.

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Spring Into Action

According to the NIH, approximately 45 million children and adolescents participate in organized sports in the United States. This spring, AYLUS branches are bringing that energy into communities nationwide.



As the cold winter days end, AYLUS branches have embraced sports as a powerful tool for inclusion and community connection. The West Essex branch volunteered with Special Olympics swimmers and assisted special needs children in martial arts training, helping participants in both events build technique and confidence. In Great Neck, volunteers led outdoor games at Firefighters Park, creating a fun experience for kids. Meanwhile, Great Neck's therapeutic skating programs and Auburn's adaptive tennis clinics provided structured and supportive environments for athletes of all abilities.



These efforts highlight a shared theme: using sports to foster inclusion, growth, and joy. As the season continues, AYLUS remains committed to expanding access to athletic opportunities—because through collective action, communities move forward.



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TEACHING THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Throughout March, AYLUS branches across the country continued their commitment to education and community service.



From the Gainesville Branch assisting teachers at a local Chinese school, to the Newtown Branch tutoring students in advanced math, to the San Diego Branch hosting online tutoring sessions and organizing a Computer for Kids Lab, AYLUS members showed up in meaningful ways for their communities. Meanwhile, The Lake Washington Branch brought academic enrichment to a new level by hosting a physics seminar led by a university professor, while the Roslyn, Dix Hills, and Greater Buffalo branches supported schools and community programs.



Together, these efforts reflect the heart of what AYLUS stands for: empowering young volunteers to make a lasting difference through education, mentorship, and service.

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Branch Spotlight

Since its establishment in 2017, the AYLUS Chapel Hill Branch has organized nearly 500 volunteer events and has been honored as the AYLUS Branch of the Year since 2021. Through shared volunteer experiences and passion for community service, the branch has grown into a tight-knit group with nearly 80 members!

One of Chapel Hill's most impactful and longstanding events is their monthly music performance at a senior living and care center. Since 2017, the branch has shared its members' musical talents for instruments such as piano, violin, and clarinet with elderly residents each month, bringing joy and vibrant energy to seniors while offering young musicians a deeply appreciative audience. Another of the branch's signature initiatives is its flower collection and delivery to a local senior living and care center. The branch collects fresh flower donations from local businesses and hand-delivers them to seniors almost every week, brightening their day and bringing both beauty and purpose into the lives of those who need it most.



In less than 10 years, the collaboration, compassion, and dedication of AYLUS Chapel Hill Branch members have made a significant impact on their local community. Their contributions will continue to exemplify the vision of AYLUS by creating positive change and making the community a brighter place, one flower at a time.

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Art in Action

Vivid colors, sparkly beads, and cheerful drawings brightened lives across the nation as AYLUS volunteers brought art and creativity to their local communities. This March, members in Riverside County created handmade cards filled with encouraging messages for hospitalized children. AYLUS Irvine also crafted meaningful cards, but for local firefighters. Meanwhile, the Great Neck branch led sand art and craft sessions through the Accessible Art Program, allowing students with special needs to unleash their creativity. In Roslyn, volunteers helped residents of a group home decorate Easter eggs, paint windows, and assemble friendship bracelets. On a larger scale, events like Pearland's PlayClub created lively, artistic environments for entire communities: volunteers introduced children and families to face painting, hands-on crafts, and interactive mini-games to spark creativity and imagination. Through each paintstroke and handmade creation, AYLUS members demonstrated that art is a powerful tool for connecting communities and spreading joy.



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