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Local Students Win Statewide Community Service Contest

Five Municipal Youth Councils recognized for volunteer service projects

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TALLAHASSEE – Five Municipal Youth Councils from cities throughout the state recently won a statewide community service contest.

The 2018 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest, sponsored by the Florida League of Cities, showcases community service projects performed by Municipal Youth Councils that successfully address specific needs in their local communities. Municipal Youth Councils are special citywide councils composed of high school students within the city that typically serve as an advisory board to the city commission/council.

This year's contest winners are:

- **First place** – City of Belleair Teen Council – “*Socksgiving*”
- **Second Place** – City of Homestead Mayor's Youth Council – “*MLK Day of Service*”
- **Third Place** – City of Cape Coral Youth Council – “*Blessings in a Backpack*”
- **Fourth Place** – City of Niceville Youth Advisory Council – “*One Step at a Time for Greatness*”
- **Fifth Place** – City of Hollywood Youth Ambassador Program – “*Hollywood Happy Day*”

Contest winners will receive a trophy, be recognized at the League's Annual Conference, be featured in the League's statewide publication, *Quality Cities (QC)* magazine, and have their projects featured on the League's website and social media accounts.

Information on the winning projects is available online at <http://www.flcities.com/YCPhotoWinners>.

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