

# Teens Make a Difference!

## AWARDS



## Recognizing Students for their Volunteer Service to the Community

### What is Teens Make a Difference?

Teens Make a Difference (TMAD) is a program that recognizes the amazing volunteer work young adult teens do at non-profit organizations in their community. The purpose of Teens Make a Difference is to encourage students to get involved in their community and to prepare themselves for the workforce. Students who volunteer 25 or more hours are invited to the ceremony held at the Inland Center Mall where they can celebrate with their family and friends as they receive their awards. The vision for TMAD is to reach all students in our local schools to support and inspire them to be the leaders in our community by volunteering their time to an organization of their choice.

### What are the benefits of participating?

When students come together and volunteer together it shows leadership and community building. By getting your students involved at your local high school, it shows that the school is inspiring students to think about going to college or to discover their passion or skills. Not only that, but the high school can be recognized as a foundation for continuous support to the community by the number of volunteer hours their students donate. As for the students, it helps them network with professionals they encounter and to build their resume. It also puts them at the top of the list for college acceptance for the volunteer service they committed to in high school because it shows that they are goal oriented and driven with determination.

### What are the rewards offered to the students?

Students who volunteer 25 or more hours will receive an invitation to the award ceremony held at the Inland Center Mall. Based on the number of hours they volunteered they can receive a certificate, a pin, a service letter for their letterman jacket or a gift card of \$100. The student with the most volunteer hours receives a certificate and a trophy for their hard work. The school with most hours completed receives the trophy that gets passed on each year from school to school for being the top school for volunteer service.

### How to participate?

In order to participate in Teens Make a Difference you have to be a school official at the high school that is looking to participate (teacher, club advisor, etc.). From there fill out the school site coordinator Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and turn it in to Arrowhead United Way. You can then set up a date and time with us where we can present to your students on the importance of volunteering and what Teens Make a Difference is. From there your students can begin their journey. All forms can be found on the Arrowhead United Way website under Teens Make a Difference. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at 909.884.9441.