



Kaylan Cole

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2021 Youth Honoree Cocke County

We have a very exceptional young lady that is a volunteer at the Tennessee Community Assistance team. Her name is Kaylan Cole and she is one of our brightest volunteer stars that serves in one of our most needed communities. Most of Kaylan's volunteer service is in the Cocke County area assisting the Newport Housing Authority. The Newport Housing Authority houses over 12% of the city's population ranging from all ages.

Kaylan is an AmeriCorps Alumni and has been volunteering with us for over 2 years. Kaylan made an immediate impact from day one. She has slowly started becoming a leader by action and a voice within our operation on facilitating and coordinating programs for the elderly and the youth. This Summer, she started an artistic painting class for the elderly and was a lead on a back-to-school program called "Swag Day" where kids got free school supplies, back packs, shoes, clothing, and a free Haircut which the kids loved.

Kaylan is now putting her talents to making sure that no child is left behind for Christmas at the NHA. She is checking the list not once but twice to assure that every kid in the NHA gets a Christmas present. She matches up donated gifts with appropriate ages. She will wrap and deliver them to the children before Christmas.

To go on top of this, she has helped make a new project become a reality that will be delivered on Christmas Eve this year called "Color Your Dreams." A coloring page of a plain bedroom was mailed to all the tenants at the NHA for the children to color and submit of what they would like to have their bedroom makeover look like. A winner will be selected and their dreams will come true. It was so tough to decide this year, they picked 2 winners. This idea was created because when she was little girl, she always loved it when she got a bedroom makeover. A bedroom for a child is their safe haven and a place they should love to be in. Her plan is to continue doing it quarterly through private donations.



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