Q-C volunteer opportunities ...

**Arts and Culture**

**Bettendorf Children's Museum**
2900 Learning Campus Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722
Contact: Cindy Bales
Phone: (563) 344-4155
- Seeks to involve youth in special events and assist in classes.

**Bettendorf Public Library**
2950 Learning Campus Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722
Contact: Caran Johnson
Phone: (563) 344-4187
- Enables youth to participate in interactive activities, such as reading to preschool ages, while learning about the library.

**Moline Public Library**
504 17th Street
Moline, IL 61265
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: (309) 736-5737
- Participates in many kids programs and needs help filling and shelving books.

**Putnam Museum and IMAX Theatre**
1717 West 12th Street
Davenport, IA 52804
Contact: Ryan
Phone: (563) 793-1213
- Provides volunteers the opportunities to become involved in special events and act as an usher for performing artists concerts.

**Quad-City Arts**
1715 2nd Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201
Contact: Ashley Harlow
Phone: (563) 324-1054
- Ensures educational opportunities while collecting and preserving objects from natural science.

**Quad-City Botanical Center**
2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201
Contact: Beth Peters
Phone: (309) 794-0991
- Promotes the beauty of plants and botanical and horticultural knowledge through education.

**Rock Island Public Library**
401 19th Street
Rock Island, IL 61204
Contact: Tricia
Phone: (309) 732-7364
- Assists in broadening students' knowledge of library decisions and needs volunteers to sit on the teen board.

**Children and youth**

**Bettendorf Community School District**
3311 Central Avenue
Bettendorf, IA 52722
Contact: Nancy Herrin
Phone: (563) 359-3681
- Goal is to broaden the educational experience of students and generate greater community involvement.

**Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Quad-Cities**
131 West 3rd Street, Suite M13
Davenport, IA 52801
Contact: Leah Luna
Phone: (563) 323-8006
- Enriches the lives of children by providing positive role models and promotes social awareness and self-confidence.

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters**
2942 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: (563) 323-8006
- Lets volunteers participate in the lunch-buddy program or work with kids in group activities.

**Boys and Girls Club**
1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Demitria
Phone: (524) 5673
- Lets volunteers work on activities with kids and help run events.

**The Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley**
406 7th Street
Moline, IL 61265
Contact: Carol Murphy
Phone: (309) 764-7017
- Inspires young people facing challenges to realize their full potential in life.

**Child Abuse Council**
525 16th Street
Moline, IL 61265
Contact: Karen Strusz
Phone: (309) 764-7017
- Strives to prevent child abuse and promotes healthy relationships.

**Family Resources**
115 West 6th Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Cheryl Goodwin
Phone: (563) 323-1852
- Assists in tutoring elementary-age students, mentoring and other youth activities.

**Family Resources-VICS Program**
Violence Intervention Counseling
805 West 35th Street Suite 200
Davenport, IA 52806
Contact: Melissa Ernst
Phone: (563) 322-6104
- Created to fight domestic violence, rape and sexual assault. Also to protect families in Rock Island and Scott County.

**First Steps**
1229 West 8th St.
Davenport, IA 52802
Contact: Colleen Willman
Phone: (319) 884-4658
- Offers support and information to parents at the birth of their new baby.

** Friendly House**
1221 Myrtle Street
Davenport, IA 52804
Contact: Terry Hendershot
Phone: (563) 323-1821
- Provides many services to families and youth that involve mentoring and working at special events.

**Gilda's Club**
1234 East River Drive
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Melissa Wright
Phone: (563) 326-7504
- Specializes in providing support to cancer patients in the Quad-Cities and needs volunteers to work in children's program areas and help around the clubhouse.

**Hand-In-Hand**
3660 Middle Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722
Contact: Mark Smith
Phone: (563) 332-4010
- Lets volunteer care for children with disabilities ages birth to 21 years old.

**Junior Achievement of the Quad-Cities Area, Inc.**
800 12th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265
Contact: Carol Burns
Phone: (309) 736-1630
- Allows students to learn about becoming consumers, workers and citizens.

**March of Dimes**
736 Federal Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Diane Thul
Phone: (563) 323-6376
- Provides many volunteer opportunities, such as working on special events and becoming a member of the youth council.

**Scott County Family YMCA**
406 West 2nd Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Jarrod Parker
Phone: (563) 786-7177
- Participates in programs that build healthy spirits and mind and body.

**United Neighbors**
800 Harrison Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Contact: Trisha Williams
Phone: (563) 322-7362
- Seeks to enhance the quality of life for children through tutoring, mentoring, working as crew leaders in summer programs.

**University of Illinois Extension 4-H, Rock Island County 4-H**
4500 Kennedy Drive, Suite 3
East Moline, IL 61244
Contact: Jennifer Holldorf
Phone: (309) 796-0512
- Helps youth learn valuable skills for living and becoming leaders.

**United Way**
3247 E, 35th Street Court
Davenport, IA 52807
Contact: Clydean Hendley
Phone: (563) 355-4310
- Participates with children of all ages and is looking for volunteers to assist with special projects.

**Variety — The Children’s Charity of the Quad-Cities**
220 North Main Street, Suite 300
Davenport, IA 42801
Contact: Gail Karp
Phone: (563) 322-4660
- Created to ensure that no local child with special needs will be denied of service due to insufficient funds.

**Community**

**Association for Retarded Citizens**
4016 19th Street
Rock Island, IL 61204
Contact: Christine Cross
Phone: (309) 786-4574
- Assists in promoting activities for retarded citizens, such as going on outings with the citizens, participating in special Olympics and other events.
By Cara Marie Volleiger

We are defined by many things in life — our name, age, gender or even our grade in school.

Young people today find themselves with busy schedules, whether it is a Monday in May or a Friday in November. So many of us participate in activities, but yet we don’t dig our holes big enough to see the extent of good work, to know it goes beyond the regular meetings. During this, my first year spent on Teens For Tomorrow, I often would interact with other high school students, whom I may not have even met if it weren’t a part of Teens for Tomorrow.

We came together to remind ourselves of our mission, see an organization and learn a little bit about its purpose.

Many of us felt we were doing good for our community, or that it was a Sunday ritual, but not many of us really felt the extent to which our hands of work were trying to accomplish.

Sure, we felt good volunteering and meeting new people, but we weren’t connected as a whole. When site visits topped our list in early April, we set out to visit organizations in small groups to actually see the program in action. This is when we all were standing at the bottom of our holes, thinking it was pretty close to the end, not much more to dig.

I, then, self-reflected on what I had gained while participating as a Teens for Tomorrow board member for the first time. A lot of thoughts were shared, opinions brought out, but the feeling was missing. We weren’t connected to each other, we didn’t believe in the power of reaching out.

It wasn’t until our final meeting that we realized we had to pick organizations whole-heartedly. It would take all of us and everything we had to make the decisions. It wasn’t the five organizations we picked or how we were able to narrow the list of applications. It was how we all portrayed/expressed our very own unique and different self images to what we thought was best.

That best was what all of us brought forth, creating stronger identities for each of us. We aren’t truthfully defined by our name, age, gender or our grade in school. We are defined by our good work, work that requires self-determination and dedication with every ounce of care in us to provide our community with all that we have.

T4T members, from left, Kimberly Quinn, Chelsea Clearman, Hannah Campbell, Cara Volleiger, Molly Tomsha, Allison Kane and Ali Rorah pose at their 2005 grant presentation ceremony.