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## **Local Youth Receives International Youth Volunteer Corps Award**

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Youth volunteer honored for serving over 1,500 hours with YVC of Calgary

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**Calgary, AB** –Youth Central’s Youth Volunteer Corps of Calgary youth volunteer, Jessica Vu, has been awarded the Youth Volunteer Corps Legacy Award in recognition of volunteering over 1,500 hours in support of Calgary and surrounding communities. So far, Jessica has accumulated 1,626 hours of community service and that number continues to grow.

Each year, Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) recognizes youth volunteers across North America for volunteering 100, 500 and 1,000 hours through YVC. Due to Jessica’s remarkable hard work and dedication, YVC created the brand new Legacy Award to recognize her achievement.

“Volunteering has really opened my eyes, and has helped me view Calgary in a different light. There are a lot of people and communities in Calgary that require assistance, and I’m happy to help in any way that I can,” says Jessica.

Jessica has also been awarded the 2018 Don and Jean Sloan Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is open to active YVC volunteers who have demonstrated excellence in volunteerism and leadership and who are committed to making a difference in their communities. Only one youth volunteer in North America receives the annual award.

“Our youth volunteers make an impact in every community they serve but Jessica has truly gone above and beyond,” said Tracy Hale, CEO of YVC. “We are so inspired by her service and can’t wait to see what she accomplishes in the years to come.”

Tracy presented the award to Jessica on May 26<sup>th</sup> as she continued to serve Calgary during the West Hillhurst “Spruce up the Neighbourhood” Spring festival and community clean-up day.

**Youth Central’s Youth Volunteer Corps of Calgary**, an affiliate of Kansas City based Youth Volunteer Corps, creates volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service. Hosted by Youth Central, YVC of Calgary coordinates service projects for youth ages 11 to 18 on during the summer and throughout the school year. Find out more at [youthcentral.com/youth-volunteer-corps](http://youthcentral.com/youth-volunteer-corps).