



Cyoc Does a Donation Drive

By Jeffrey Ji

On 29 July 2023, The Capital Youth Outreach Club, or CYOC, held a donation drive at Wootton High School, at 2100 Wootton Pkwy, Rockville, MD. Over a dozen people donated over four thousand items, including clothing, shoes, toys, and books.

The thousands of items that were collected in the donation drive would be useless if it were not for So What Else, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the lives of underserved people living in the Baltimore– Washington area. They have provided 85 neighborhoods with free food and youth programming, and will be handling the distribution of the items donated at the event.

Of course, the effort would be impossible without the effort of CYOC, an organization that focuses on providing volunteer opportunities for youth of all ages and abilities. Members participate in multiple activities that benefit the community, such as fundraising for hospitals or these donation drives, for a chance to help the community and earn SSL hours. CYOC is rapidly growing, and there are many ways that you can help us serve the community better. To find opportunities to help or volunteer, you can go to our website <https://qqfoxmail6.wordpress.com/>.



CYOC Helping Hands Haul

By Jaylyne Yang

On the morning of July 29th, CYOC (Capital Youth Outreach Club) held a donation drive at Wootton High School for families in need. Many families pitched in and brought bags of clothes, toys, shoes, etc. to be donated to the needy. I, along with the help of other students, helped unload and carry items out of people's cars. This experience made me feel good as I knew that my work would help the people in my community who are in need. It was great to know that our cooperative hard work would be for a good cause. Additionally, we were able to expand our mission with the help of the organization "So What Else?". By collaborating with them, it was much easier for us to successfully transport all the items to their destination.

We set up a booth at the Wootton parking lot with a huge banner with our club name and a place to drop off the items. Cars driving by can choose to stop by and donate unneeded items, and multiple families who support the club also dropped by. After helping people unload bags of items from their cars and drop them on the parking lot floor, we waited for the truck that was driven by Director of Operations Megan Joe from "So What Else?" to help transport all the donations to the destination. I am so grateful to the parents and Megan for helping to organize and provide for this event. Overall, I am so glad I was able to participate in this donation as not only was I able to clear out my home, but I was also able to give back to my community.



Volunteer at "Helping Hands and Haul"

July 29 2023 By Ruichen Feng (6th grader)

Today is a hot summer Saturday, but helping with the used item donations made me feel it is a good day. At 9:00 am, I headed to Wootton high school to join a group of volunteers from Capital Youth Outreach club which I just joined a few weeks ago. We are doing a collaborative donation drive which is called "Helping Hands and Haul"—triple H which I thought was a pretty cool name. My job as a volunteer is to help people to load their donations into a pile. The donations would help

underprivileged people get clothes, books, shoes and toys.

It also wasn't boring to be there, because everyone else who helped was nice and made it less boring to unload the donations. It would have been much less fun if the people there helping stayed silent. When I left the donation place I felt proud of myself because I knew that I helped many people who were homeless or poor get clothes, toys and books.

