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The Premier Connection between Volunteers and Community Needs.

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Dear Mike,

There is a link between youth service and youth leadership, and when young people take a lead in community change, there is an impact. The Volunteer Center's Summer Service Leadership program is designed to create and develop young leaders who will make such an impact in our community.

As their comments will confirm, ***A Rock and A Heart Place*** made quite an impact on our Summer Service Leadership Interns! After watching the film, our interns planned and conducted three diverse community service projects based on self-analysis of their talents and skills. On June 21st, a group of 9 students bathed, walked, and entertained homeless animals at Huntsville Animal Services. One student used this opportunity to successfully overcome her fear of dogs. On June 22nd, another group conducted a Field Day at Lincoln Elementary School to provide enrichment activities for summer school students. The S2L Interns lead Kindergarten-4th grade students through multiple outdoor and indoor games and crafts followed by a refreshing afternoon snack. On June 24th, a third group dedicated to providing increased recreational space helped clear a trail at Blevins Gap on Green Mountain. These students, some of whom were volunteering for the first time, will carry the "message of volunteerism" back to their families, neighborhoods and schools. Many are members of The Volunteer Center Youth Leadership Council and will continue their community service in partnership with The Volunteer Center during the next school year, both as volunteers and as youth volunteer recruiters and trainers.

On behalf of The Volunteer Center of Madison County and its Summer Service Leadership Student Interns, thank you for allowing us the privilege of using *A Rock and a Heart Place* in our curriculum. The varied and positive effects of this film will ripple through our community for years to come.

Best Regards,

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Executive Director

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Youth Volunteer Coordinator

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