

## YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg (YMCA Reads! Program)

Contact information:

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2. Does your organization have 501(c)(3) Status? **Yes**
3. What social issue(s) may students address through community service work at your organization?  
**Students will address the social issue of illiteracy by working with at-risk and low-income K to 3rd grade students. The primary focus of this early intervention literacy program is to improve student's reading skills and self esteem through mentoring and the use of research based curriculum in a small group setting.**
4. Do you have an age/grade requirement for volunteers? **Yes**
  - a. If yes, please specify: **Juniors and Seniors**
5. What are some typical activities that students might perform if they complete community service hours with your organization? **Typical activities that students might perform include: Reading books to the kids, helping them review sight words, practicing phonics, introducing vocabulary, promoting a love of reading, and being a positive role model.**
6. When can students volunteer at your organization?
  - a. Days of the week? **Monday to Thursday**
  - b. Typical number of hours per week available/required? **2 or more**
  - c. Times they may volunteer? **2:50- 3:50 pm and/or 4:00- 5:00 pm**
  - d. Do you have students volunteer during the summer months? **Yes**
  - e. Do you only offer community service hours during the summer? **No**
7. Please briefly list any additional information that students may need to know about your organization if they are considering you as a community service agency: **Our Y believes that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. We are committed to closing the achievement gap for low income, high risk youth by providing intensive academic and life skill support. Volunteers must complete an online application, on-boarding, pass background check, and attend a YMCA Reads training.**