

THANK YOU!

Every summer, the Yale Club of Washington, D.C. sponsors Community Service Fellows. These fellows are Yale undergraduates working for D.C.-area community service organizations. As a nonprofit, the Club funds these fellowships through a combination of dues, profit from Yale Club events, and the generosity of our patrons.

This past summer's Fellows, Laura '21, Sophie '21 and Kara '22, worked at a D.C. Youth Orchestra, Capital Area Food Bank, and A Wider Circle. While they worked remotely due to COVID-19, they made an incredible impact on our local community from afar. To learn about their experiences and the contributions they made, check out their stories below. You can also hear directly from the interns by watching our recent webinar with them -- see the recording [here](#).

Without your generous contribution this program wouldn't exist. We thank you for your donation and for your support of these future Yale alums.

Sincerely,

Maria Vera Whelan '08
Vice President of Community Service, Yale Club of Washington, DC

Kara O'Rourke '22

A Wider Circle



This past summer I worked remotely, part-time for fourteen weeks, at A Wider Circle as a marketing and development intern. Named after an Einstein quote about "widening our circles of compassion," this grass-roots charity based in Silver Spring, MD aims to end poverty in the D.C. area through a range of programs such as furniture donation, workforce development, and community-based neighborhood partnerships.

Thank you so much to the Yale Club of D.C. community for their generous support of my internship and of community service in D.C. in general. I am so happy to have had the chance to explore the world of fundraising by partnering with an organization doing such important work. I look forward to my ongoing work with A Wider Circle this fall.

For the full story of Kara's summer experience, please click [HERE](#).

Sophie Lieberman '21

Capital Area Food Bank

This summer, I was an intern at the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) in Washington, D.C. Although the job I was originally hired for, assisting with the management of the urban demonstration garden at



CAFB, wasn't possible due to COVID-19, I was still able to work for the CAFB as a nutrition education intern. In addition to providing food to over 400 partner food pantries in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, CAFB does cooking demonstrations and distributes information to improve nutrition literacy, runs mobile produce markets, and produces detailed reports about hunger in the region.

I am extremely grateful to my boss and mentor, Renee Kee, for her patience and guidance that made my internship experience formative and enjoyable. I ended my time feeling inspired by the work of the CAFB and excited to bring my increased awareness about issues leading to food inequity with me to my next endeavors. This would not have been possible without the financial generosity from the Yale Club of D.C., whose support does a great service both to nonprofits in D.C. and Yale students. I hope to get a chance to visit the CAFB in person soon.

For the full story of Sophie's summer experience, please click [HERE](#).

Laura Clapp '21 DC Youth Orchestra



This summer, I had the privilege of interning for the D.C. Youth Orchestra Program (DCYOP). DCYOP provides music education and ensemble playing for over 600 students across the D.C. metro area, regardless of their financial need. DCYOP's programming includes ten youth ensembles, as well as group classes for beginners on all orchestral instruments.

Although I am sad that my summer as a Yale Club of DC fellow has come to a close, I am pleased to report that this is not the end of my time with DCYOP. DCYOP is hiring me as a part-time intern this fall - I look forward to continuing to work with this incredible team to further their mission to provide high-quality music education to students across the DC metro area. Thank you so much to the Yale Club of DC for providing the financial assistance to make this internship possible. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to spend my summer in a meaningful way, both personally and professionally, despite the circumstances of COVID-19.

For the full story of Laura's summer experience, please click [HERE](#).

