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### **Teams Named to Project Ignition: Leading Change in Teen Driving Behavior**

Minneapolis, MN, October 26, 2018 – Sixteen teams have been selected from throughout the United States as a leader in teen driver safety by [Project Ignition](#) — a service-learning teen driver safety program in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and coordinated by the National Youth Leadership Council® — a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to create a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world with young people.

Each team will receive a \$1,000 grant to implement a safe driving program that engages their peers, family, and the larger community in safe driving practices like buckling up. Carmen Devita of Central Coast of California Camp Fire shares an important aspect of how Project Ignition works, “As one person, you can’t do much. If we all unite for a cause, we can do so much more.”

NYLC believes that youth leadership is a critical component to effectively changing teen driving behaviors and saving lives. “Students are in the best position to address issues of driver safety,” said Amy Meuers, NYLC CEO. “Through Project Ignition, these young people are saving the lives of their peers, their families, and their community members because they are in the best position to influence behaviors and decision making at critical moments — especially before they operate a moving vehicle. We champion the leadership that youth have to make a positive impact on the world.”

In addition, two teams will receive funding to participate in the 30th Annual National Service-Learning Conference®, hosted by NYLC, on April 15 – 16, 2019 in Philadelphia, P.A., where they will have the opportunity to showcase their work to other students, educators, and thought leaders in the education field. The sixteen 2018-2019 Project Ignition teams are:

1. Making Dreams Come True, Valley of Rainbows, Waianae, Hawaii
2. Success Academy, Bloomington, Minnesota
3. Camp Fire Patuxent Area, Bowie, Maryland
4. Gillespie High School, Gillespie, Illinois
5. District 191+C2:C17, Seattle, Washington
6. Jackson Independent School, Jackson, Kentucky
7. Clifton Central High School, Clifton, Illinois
8. Global Girls, Inc., Chicago Illinois
9. Belton High School, Belton, Missouri
10. Camp Fire Sunshine, Lakeland, Florida
11. Ridgemont FFA, Mt. Victory, Ohio
12. New Castle Area School District, New Castle, Pennsylvania
13. Camp Fire Central Coast of California, Pismo Beach, California
14. Camp fire C New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey
15. Clarksville High School, Clarksville, Tennessee
16. District 191, Saint Paul, Minnesota

For more information about NYLC, Project Ignition, and service-learning go to [www.nylc.org](http://www.nylc.org).