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ERICA YOUNGBLOOD – VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Erica Youngblood has been selected as the Highlighted Volunteer of the Quarter. She considers herself a life-long Chino Hills resident having moved here when she was four-years-old. Erica is following in the footsteps of her mother, Ella Youngblood, volunteering as a member of the Youth Accountability Board (YAB). The YAB provides an alternative to probation for first-time, non-violent, youthful offenders. Hearing Panels review the teen's case and draft a contract that might include community service, keeping up grades, and meeting with a mentor.

Erica started her volunteer work as a member of the Hearing Panel. Currently she volunteers as the social investigator who gathers information for the Hearing Panel. She also serves as a volunteer crisis counselor for San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services, an organization that provides crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy support to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Erica says that volunteering gives her joy and happiness, knowing that she is helping another person. She especially enjoys helping a teen move beyond a problem they might be facing. Erica graduated from Ayala High School, Class of xxx. She is a graduate student in the Masters of Social Work program at California State University at San Bernardino. She enjoys cooking and baking, spending time with family and friends, and traveling. She visited the United Kingdom last year and plans to visit Italy, France, and Greece. Erica is an active member of the New Muslim Study and Support Group of the Islamic Center of the Inland Empire (Rancho Cucamonga Masjid). Her father, Fred Youngblood, has also been a role model for volunteerism and recently served two four-year terms on the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education.