

PVS Teacher Authors Textbook for His Students

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Prescott Valley School's Service Learning teacher, Mr. Bill Suedmeyer, M.Ed., surprised his students this school year. Instead of giving them a series of reprints and loose handouts, he presented them with a one-of-a-kind textbook. The book, *Youth Who Care! A Service Learning Textbook*, was written by Mr. Suedmeyer. "I spent the last two summers, plus many weekends, piecing together a comprehensive and fun book for high school students. I found many books on this topic for teachers, but nothing appropriate for the students. So, I wrote one. It was a labor of love!"

Bill went on to explain: "Service Learning teaches students about ways to serve the community, while using the knowledge they have learned in school such as mathematics, English, science, and social studies. In addition, I teach the students many non-traditional subjects such as public speaking, etiquette, character, and grant proposal writing."

The book has seven chapters including the basics of Service Learning, profile of a Service Learning student, importance of heroes, steps to a project, communication skills, marketing your projects, and sample projects. The samples include work that has been done by the students with Boys and Girls Club, CASA Senior Center, United Blood Services, Navajo Reservation, and Yavapai Food Bank.

For the cover, Bill chose a picture of recent PVS graduate, David Warren. David won the coveted *Joeseff Bowman Leadership Award* last May. David was also on hand Wednesday, August 22, when the books were distributed to this year's Service Learning students. Bill said this was appropriate because, "This textbook could not have been possible without young people like David. They give their time and energy to help others and make a difference in our community." Bill wants to thank Monika and Mike Fuller, the school's administrators, for their continuing encouragement, the entire PVS staff for their support, and all the students who have participated in this rewarding program over the years.



Youth Who Care!

A Service Learning Textbook

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