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**TEAM THRIFT PROVIDES EXTRA LAYER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY YEAR KANSAS CITY'S
MENTORS AND TUTORS SERVING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

KANSAS CITY, MO (9/25/18) – Courtesy of Team Thrift, who manages Red Racks Thrift Stores owned by the DAV and City Thrift owned by City Union Mission, City Year AmeriCorps members, with their iconic red jackets, will now be able to complete their uniform with free pants, shoes, and belts.

City Year is an education-focused, non-profit that helps students get on-track to graduate by deploying teams of “near-peer” AmeriCorps members to high-need urban schools for full-time tutoring and mentoring. As tutors, mentors, and role models, these young leaders – all between the ages of 18 and 25 – make a difference in the lives of students all day, every day for an entire year and help transform schools. In Kansas City, MO City Year AmeriCorps members serve across six public schools in the urban core, reaching over 4,000 students

City Year AmeriCorps members are passionate, hardworking individuals dedicated to serving a cause greater than oneself. During their service year, each City Year AmeriCorps receives a small living stipend and a Segal Education Award of nearly \$6,000, which can be used to pay back college student loans or applied towards furthering their higher-education. City Year AmeriCorps members are sacrificing financially to help Kansas City students and any additional support they receive to make their year of service possible goes a long way.

"As mentors and tutors committing a year to serve in a Kansas City public school, our City Year AmeriCorps go above and beyond for their students," states Audra Clark, Executive Director of City Year Kansas City. "It means a lot that City Thrift and Red Racks have recognized the positive difference our AmeriCorps members are making in our community and want to make their service year easier by providing them with free clothing."

The partnership between City Year Kansas City, Red Racks Thrift Stores, and City Thrift provides each City Year AmeriCorps member with a punch card allowing them to receive up to five pairs of pants, two belts, and two pairs of shoes for free at the following locations: Red Racks at 8026 Wornall Road, Red Racks at 6314 N. Oak Trafficway, City Thrift at 7740 Wornall Road, and City Thrift at 11225 Shawnee Mission Parkway.

"We're excited to be part of City Year," says Doug DePew Team Thrift CEO. "This is just one more way we can give back to Kansas City!"

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About Red Racks Thrift Stores: DAV Thrift Stores started in 1958 in Kansas City on 16th and Main. Now known as Red Racks Thrift Stores, they have expanded to over a quarter million square feet of retail space throughout Missouri. Red Racks can be found in Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield, Joplin, and St. Louis. Red Racks is committed to providing a clean, bright, fun shopping experience for anyone looking to save money on designer brands and deeply discounted everyday brands. The fun and excitement of thrift is in the thrill of the hunt, with thousands of fresh and unique items available each day.

About City Thrift: City Thrift is owned by City Union Mission, an evangelical Christian ministry committed to sharing the gospel and meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of men, women, and children who are poor or homeless. City Thrift Stores can be found in Waldo in Missouri and in Kansas on Antioch and College and the newest location on Shawnee Mission Parkway. City Thrift is also committed to providing a shopping experience that is fun while saving money! Find treasures throughout the store where thousands of fresh items are added daily!

About City Year: Founded in 1988, City Year works in 28 cities across the country, with Kansas City becoming the 27th City Year site in the fall of 2015. City Year AmeriCorps members serve full-time in the schools providing students with tutoring and in-class support, after-school programming, as well as organizing school-wide initiatives to increase academic achievement and student engagement. With the support of Mayor Sly James, Kansas City Public Schools, the Kauffman Foundation, the Hall Family Foundation, the Hunt Family Foundation/Chiefs, JE Dunn, and other prominent local foundations and corporations, City Year kicked off its pilot program in Kansas City in July 2015 with 16 AmeriCorps members serving at two schools. Since the successful pilot year, City Year has now expanded to six partner schools with 58 AmeriCorps members serving over 4,000 students.