




Happy November NCCA!

November has an air of gratefulness, graciousness and giving, doesn't it? I certainly hope yours is filled with all of these good things! This school year, I am grateful that we now have the Treedom app to provide our amazing families with some safe opportunities to serve from home!

Jayla submitted her service hours from freerice.com on Treedom-she included a signature from an adult who can vouch that she did the hours, a reflection and a screenshot that conveys how much rice she collected--what a Treedom rockstar! Check out her submission:

STUDENT'S SUBMISSION	SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL	COUNSELOR'S UPDATES & COMMENTS
Organization FreeRice Position Organization People Activity Feedback - Reflection Today I used the website freerice.com to answer questions that automatically donates 5 grains of rice to families in need every time I get a question right. Location United Nations World Food Programme 	Jayla jayla@freerice.com Comment Request Verification	Great job serving, Jayla! Thanks for the signature by your Mom. CHANGE LOG 10/15/2020 Hina Sharma approves submission with comment Comment: Great job serving, Jayla! Thanks for the signature by your Mom. 10/14/2020 Jayla ... e submit for approval.

Laura asked if signing the online petitions on Treedom would count as service hours. Big yes! It may take you about an hour to do an online search about the cause. Then if your parent/guardian approves and you support it, sign it. It may feel too easy to count as service but it does. Petitioning is part of the First Amendment, kids--it shows support for counteracting an injustice. Learn more about the power of [petitioning here](#).

Kay-Lee asked “where my hours are, below it says Total Value Created-what does that mean?” Great question! There is a formula used in the nonprofit world for how much value 1 hour of volunteering is worth. One hour of volunteer time equates to \$25.43. Interesting stat, huh?

If you haven't logged into Treedom yet, check it out! I think you will like it--they made it teenage-friendly based on my middle-age opinion--bahahaha :) NCCA kindly pays for this service for students so I encourage you to leverage it to your advantage. [Here is how to login](#) to Treedom. Also, here is an interesting video from [Yahoo Finance](#) about Treedom. If you do not want to login to Treedom, no problem, [you have four options to document your community service hours](#).

Seniors who are graduating in January 2020: Please send me your community service log by January 1st, ok? Can't wait to read about the good things you are doing to improve your corner of the world!

If you are new to NCCA, learn about this unique graduation requirement [here](#). Please know, I love talking about community service so I am happy to chat with you on the phone or text or email or provide you with an individual Live Lesson so please reach out anytime!

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