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Local Student Maxwell Evans-McGlothin, 9-years old, was selected as a Disney Summer of Service Winner to Create Positive Change in his community

Brooklyn, New York, 20 November 2017 – Maxwell Evans-McGlothin, a 4th grader at PS 39 Henry Bristow in Park Slope, Brooklyn has been awarded a Disney Summer of Service grant through YSA (Youth Service America). The grant will support Maxwell in leading a community service project that promotes green living in an urban environment through a school initiative in adopting their neighborhood trees.

Service activities will take place this winter and spring 2018. It will involve building tree bench fences and planting a flower garden. Since NYC provides trees when requested, the Student Council and the Green Committee have hope that the city will see the benefits of this collaboration which will result in trees being planted in the spring of 2018. The sidewalk around PS 39 has several large trees but none with fences and none with flowers so the thought was to “adopt” these trees and have the students at PS 39 take an active role in maintaining and caring for these sidewalk gardens. They will provide a shady spot to rest in the summer and discourage littering since there will be lovely flowers blooming for months to come. Maxwell is one of 270 young leaders across the country awarded a \$500 Disney Summer of Service grant to organize projects to help make their communities healthier, greener and stronger. Grantees will educate and mobilize their peers around the issue of Adopting their Neighborhood Trees. This project will bring the students and community together creating solutions to ensure our neighborhood environment is cultivated through awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropic activities.

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Founded in 1986, YSA (Youth Service America) supports a global culture of engaged children and youth committed to a lifetime of meaningful service, learning, and leadership. With half the world’s population under age 25, YSA’s mission is to help young people find their voice, take action, and make an impact on vital community issues. For more information, please visit [www.YSA.org](http://www.YSA.org).

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