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**KATHERINE DEFOOR, OF ST. AUGUSTINE, APPOINTED TO
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Governor Jeb Bush appoints Katherine DeFoor, a student at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., as youth commissioner to Volunteer Florida.

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Jeb Bush recently appointed Katherine “Katie” DeFoor, of St. Augustine, to the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida). DeFoor, who represents St. Johns County, will serve a three-year term as the youth commissioner.

DeFoor is a 20-year-old student at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. In the past, she has volunteered at local youth shelters and has spent two summers installing solar electricity in schools and hospitals in rural areas of East Africa. She is the daughter of Allison and Terry DeFoor, who both have helped to facilitate her appreciation of volunteerism.

Upon graduation from college, Katie hopes to attend graduate school overseas and eventually to work as a photojournalist for National Geographic. She also wants to start a not-for-profit organization to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, and the lack of medical care in Africa and impoverished nations worldwide.

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“It is truly wonderful and exciting to see young people like Katherine DeFoor working so hard to improve their communities and the lives of others,” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “We look forward to Katie’s contributions to the Commission, not to mention her energy and commitment to humanitarian work, which has taken her literally around the world in pursuit of service opportunities designed to make a better life for those in need.”

Volunteer Florida Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida’s mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, who serve a three-year term.

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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