

# SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND 2025 PROJECTS

## 1. DSC Community Outreach Mobile Salon

**Students:** Alexis Tucker, Jacqueline Wallace

**Generation IMPACT Mentors:** Enaris Inman, Joshua Poniatowski

**Nonprofit Partner:** Daytona State College Foundation

The Daytona State College Outreach Mobile Salon will provide free professional hair and beauty services to underprivileged children. This initiative addresses the financial barriers these children face in accessing grooming services, which are vital for their self-esteem and mental health. This initiative seeks to empower children and create a positive impact on the community while enriching the students' professional and personal growth.

## 2. Community Garden

**Student:** Elisabeth Chheang

**Generation IMPACT Mentors:** Heather Prasse, Ustina Guirguis

**Nonprofit Partner:** Flagler County Education Foundation

The Community Garden will grow fresh fruits and vegetables for distribution to homeless and low-income individuals in Palm Coast. Each month, produce will be distributed to shelters or through community events held at local venues like libraries or government buildings. These events will either feature drive-by handouts or food banks where families can collect fresh produce. The initiative aims to increase access to fresh, sustainable food, improve community health, and raise awareness about food insecurity among students and volunteers.

## 3. Junior Chamber of Commerce

**Student:** Bryan Soudrain

**Generation IMPACT Mentors:** Deanna Dempsey, Monica Mitry

**Nonprofit Partner:** Junior Chamber of Commerce

This project aims to empower middle and high school students from ALICE households by providing life skills, financial literacy, and leadership development. Through JCC's partnership with local professionals, we will offer hands-on workshops that teach essential skills like budgeting, resume-building, and entrepreneurship. Health-focused events will also promote well-being, while our diversity, equity, and inclusion programs will ensure accessibility to all students, addressing barriers like financial instability.

## 4. Spring Hill Beautification Project

**Student:** Heather McGee

**Generation IMPACT Mentors:** Akisia German, Alyssa Lang

**Nonprofit Partner:** West Volusia Audubon Society

Spring Hill, a two-square-mile neighborhood in DeLand, faces issues such as poor road maintenance, neglected sidewalks, abandoned properties, and inadequate street lighting. This project aims to create an attractive, secure, and shaded space that fosters socialization and community pride. It also seeks to amplify the often-overlooked voices of the Black community and reimagine the area as a source of pride and connection.