The UofM and the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism are proud to partner with Volunteer Odyssey as our official service partner and provide vetted service opportunities to students. Each month we will be highlighting a student who has completed at least 10 hours of community service during that month.

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

For more information on how to get connected with service opportunities, visit our website at memphis.edu/service

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**Bri James**

Bri is a sophomore Exercise Science major from Franklin, TN. Bri serves as the Vice President of Community Service for National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is a member of Black Scholars Unlimited, Alpha Lambda Delta, and is an Active Minds Member and mental health advocate. Along with serving as site leader for Civic Engagement Board, Bri is an involvement ambassador, social change scholar, and an Honors student. She loves reading, yoga, and all things Beyonce!

**What does community service mean to you?**

Community services means being able to devote my time to promoting the social issues that are current in our community and working to ensure innovation is brought to our society. I am committed to serving not just the University community but also the Memphis community as a whole. I am an advocate that not only says I'm going to make a change, but I actually go out and become that change. Being able to serve and give back to the community has brought me to the surface of how important volunteering is. I love that I am able to inspire and contribute to such amazing causes around the city.

**How has community service positively impacted your life?**

I am able to form a sense of community with those around me who have a heart for volunteering as well. I am able to see the pure gratitude on peoples faces when I go serve in their community. Knowing that I am making a lasting impact that might inspire others to follow in my footsteps is what motivates me to continue to volunteer my time to the community.