



*Pass It Along's mission is to awaken, validate, and nourish the innate desire to "give back" by mobilizing youth as community partners.*

*A recent conversation with Trevor Morrow... former President of our Youth Council and current student at Emerson College in Boston.*

PIA: Do you think during your time volunteering with Pass It Along that we, as an organization, helped you to recognize the gifts you have to offer to society?

Trevor: Yes, I believe that Pass it Along helped me realize what I could offer society. Everyone has something they can give, and the ability to serve in some capacity; Pass it Along provides the platform, resources and encouragement to do so. Through Pass it Along and working with Tilly's Kids, I realized that I enjoy working with and teaching children. Pass it Along and the Youth Council provides youth with the opportunity to lead and take their community into their own hands. My involvement in the Youth Council gave me increased confidence and has allowed me the chance to lead along with my peers.

PIA: Do you think that Pass It Along programs change lives?

Trevor: Pass It Along changes the lives of not just those receiving PIA's assistance, but also the lives of the volunteers. The programs provide hope to those in need.

PIA: Did volunteering with PIA change your life?

Trevor: Volunteering with PIA had a large part in shaping my life. My time with PIA helped open my eyes to the world around me, both locally and internationally. Pass it Along provided me the chance to volunteer on a regular basis, making it an essential part of my life. Most importantly, I will take volunteering and civic consciousness into my professional life after college.

PIA: Do you currently volunteer?

Trevor: Yes. As a matter of fact, from September-December 07 - I worked with a program called Peace Games. I, along with another student teacher, worked to teach an inner city, 6th grade class how to be peace makers in their community. Our curriculum focused on eliminating gender and cultural stereotypes through lessons and team-building games.

PIA: How important is volunteering to you?

Trevor: Volunteering is very important to me, and it will be for the rest of my life.