



Volunteers improve **TODAY** *for* **TOMORROW**

Nydia Gonzalez is a student at Bearegard High School which is located in Bearegard, Alabama. As an upcoming junior, Nydia is entering a year where life changing decisions are critical and that's why her decision to volunteer is so important. She says she volunteers to give back and use the opportunity and skills acquired to find her niche in selecting a future career path.

Nydia currently volunteers with USDA's Soil Survey Region 7 Team. She enters critical data into a national soils database along with other duties as assigned. Nydia brings the experience from other volunteer services such as time she spent as a volunteer at USDA's Soil Survey Region 9 office. There, she entered Pedon data, successfully presented educational soils information to Kindergarten and 1st grade students, and served at a local NRCS field office and the local Soil and Water Conservation District office. Nydia's exposure to the world of conservation will have an impact in her decision towards her future career path. —*Submitted by Alice Love*