

We warmly welcome

four new faces

to our SCOPE and GLI team!

Be on the look-out

for these **fresh new faces** on the SCOPE team. Beginning this fall, Jennifer Grant and Mary Butler will work with us to **strengthen community and citizenship** through the Americorps VISTA program.



Jennifer Grant

Hometown
Amityville, New York

Currently Lives in
North Port

What she'll be doing Work in North Port to discover, connect, and activate the capacities that exist in the community.

What attracted you to this VISTA position?

When I moved down to North Port, I saw it developing, starting to get out of that rural mentality and change into a suburb. I really wanted to get involved in community work so I joined CHAT and have been helping them put together a peer-counseling training program and working with NP ASAP. [It was through CHAT that I connected with the VISTA opportunity with SCOPE.] I plan on going into graduate school next year for Counseling Psychology.

What do bring to the work? A new energy and a different perspective being from up North and being a young person.

What changes do you hope to see through your involvement with SCOPE?

I want to see people be aware that they have a say in making North Port a better place.



Mary Butler

Hometown
Sarasota, FL

Currently Lives in
Newtown, Sarasota

What she'll be doing

Work within Newtown neighborhoods to discover, connect, and activate the capacities that exist in the community.

What attracted you to this VISTA position?

I enjoy volunteering and working in the community.

What do bring to the work?

I bring my volunteerism, my ability to get along well with people, and a good work ethic.

What changes do you hope to see through your involvement with SCOPE?

That we all just get along!

I'd like to see:

- improvements as far as redevelopment in the Newtown community
- better family relationships
- our teenagers being involved in our community
- the community getting involved and volunteering in the community. I'd like to see people coming together, working together.

I'd like to see our community putting our differences aside—forgetting the past and moving on. There's a lot of good things happening. There's people who are doing good things in the community.