

# IMPACT

## ✿ A Kids Give Back Update ✿



Campers show-off the books they collected for Butterfly Books

## Sunshine, Smiles, and Service: Summer Volunteer Camp Begins!

Our popular Summer Volunteer Camp is back for its seventh year, and we're having a blast engaging youth in meaningful volunteer experiences that help make our community a better place.

In our first session, the kids learned about the 4Ts of volunteering: Time, Talent, Teamwork, and Treasures. They wrote in their Reflection Journals, met incredible nonprofit leaders who shared insights about our community's needs, and made new friends!

Here are some of the fun projects they worked on:

- **Art Kits for Bethany House:** The kids put together lovely art kits filled with inspirational cards, sketchbooks, colored pencils, a candle-making kit, and more! (*continued on page 4*)



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## Intern Spotlight

Welcome, Shelby, our summer intern!

Shelby Liebler is a rising senior at American University studying communications, government, and Spanish.

She's excited to join Kids Give Back to learn about nonprofit management and work with the kids at summer camp.

A native of Charlotte, NC, Shelby will also lead our weekly service projects at River Bend Club in Great Falls, represent us at community events, build our database, research grants and funding opportunities, and much more.

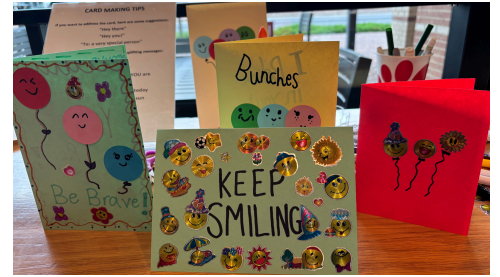


## Community Night at Chick-fil-A Coming August 22!

Our continued partnership with Chick-fil-A in Vienna brings families together for monthly volunteer work. **Community Night** volunteer service projects bring joy to our neighbors, military personnel, hospitalized children, and others.

To date, attendees have:

- Prepared cold-weather gift kits for the homeless
- Made "boredom buster" kits to cheer up patients at Children's National Hospital
- Wrote letters and decorated slap bracelets for the military who are serving our country
- Made "summer smile" cards for distribution to individuals who need a little boost.



**Join us on August 22 for Firefighter Appreciation Night, where we'll work on a special service project.**

## Introducing Our Teen Board of Directors



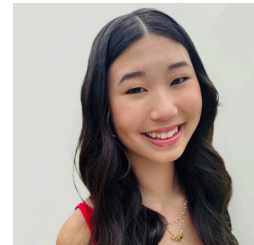
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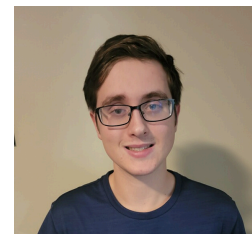
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Abby Leiber  
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We are excited to introduce our new Teen Board of Directors! We look forward to these teens sharing Kids Give Back with their communities and schools, as well as the special events, fundraisers, and other activities they are planning.

**YAY!**



Colin Marshall  
Langley High School



Ajelandra Torres  
George Mason University



## Connect with Local Families Through a Kids Give Back Sponsorship

Place your company in front of 1500 local families while supporting our important volunteer service work. Opportunities include:

- **Sponsor a Family Volunteer Event.** This is a great way to support our work, enjoy an event, and promote your business. Whether you'd like to focus on one event or multiple, we have something that will work for you and your budget. Choose from Costumes for Kids on October 18 and Baskets for Babies on December 13.
- **Sponsor Family Bingo Night**, our annual fundraiser taking place January 17, 2026, in Vienna.
- **Sponsor our School Outreach Program**, where we bring volunteer service opportunities to children in schools throughout Fairfax County.

### Sponsor Benefits Include\*:

- Opportunity to introduce your company and welcome attendees to an event.
- Your company logo included on T-shirts that are distributed throughout the year.
- The opportunity to share marketing materials at the event.
- Company logo on the Kids Give Back website, emails, social media pages and in our quarterly newsletter.



#### Interested in sponsoring?

Contact Denise Gavilan  
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\*benefits depend on the sponsorship level

## COSTUMES FOR KIDS A FALL VOLUNTEER FESTIVAL

Planning is underway for our 5th annual Costumes for Kids, A Fall Volunteer Festival, which will take place on October 18 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax. The community will gather to prepare storybook character costumes for children in low-resource areas and enjoy traditional festival activities.

**You can help** us make the event successful by joining our committee! Secure sponsors and raffle baskets, prep costume supplies, organize day-of events, and more.

Our goal is to prepare 125 costumes with books and tote bags for children who attend five Title I schools. **But we can't do this without you!** Interested? Contact [denise@kidsgiveback.org](mailto:denise@kidsgiveback.org) for details.



Children from Woodburn Elementary happily wear their costumes and carry their books.

## Thank You, Sponsors!



## Summer Volunteer Camp, continued

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- **Illustrated Story Stones:** These special stones were created for All Ages Read Together to use in their literacy programs.
- **Buckets of Summer Fun:** These were assembled for Affordable Homes and Communities, packed with sensory jars, bubbles, chalk, beach balls, water squirters, and other awesome outdoor toys—perfect for their campers.
- **Hygiene Kits for Artemis House:** The kids helped put together kits to support the parents they serve.
- **Made Bookmarks for Butterfly Books:** These adorable bookmarks will accompany the books for underserved kids!

We also introduced a new program, **Walk In My Shoes**, where kids learned about empathy and inclusion. Through a fun activity focused on food allergies, they learned how to be supportive of those with allergies. *If you would like your kids to attend, don't wait! We have limited spots available from July 21 to 25 in Fairfax and from July 28 to August 1 in Oakton. [kidsgiveback.org/events](https://kidsgiveback.org/events)*



## EVENTS

- **August 2, 9:00 am:** Car Wash Fundraiser at Exxon Mobil, 200 Maple St., Vienna.
- **August 22, 5:00 pm:** Firefighter Appreciation Night at Chick-fil-A, Vienna. Join us for a special project to thank the heroes in our community.
- **October 18, 10:00 am:** Costumes for Kids, A Fall Volunteer Festival, Fairfax. Join us to make costumes for kids in low-resource areas and enjoy games, face painting, crafts, and more. *Registration opens in September.*
- **December 11, 11:00 am:** Baskets for Babies, A Family Volunteer Event, Fairfax. This popular event brings the community together to prepare 100 baskets of adorable baby items for donation to low-income expectant parents. *Registration opens in October and fills up quickly.*

## Let's connect!

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