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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

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WORKING AT THE
SALVATION ARMY,
LYNCHBURG

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Friday, July 10, was the first time that New Covenant students were finally able to see many of their school friends after months of stay-at-home restrictions. As the Commonwealth slowly re-opened this summer, **Dayna Renalds** and her team of volunteers successfully re-scheduled our annual Hands & Hearts project which is usually held in the spring.

About 175 students, parents, faculty and staff members spread out in teams to three locations where they spent the morning working.

SALVATION ARMY

A large team assembled at the Salvation

John Heaton, Headmaster

Army, welcomed by the new Major, who had been on the job only two weeks. In just a few hours, the teams stripped and cleaned the gym floor, trimmed back five truck loads of overhanging trees - and hauled it away; weeded the entire campus; re-painted areas that were deteriorating; pressure-washed the common areas such as patios and verandas; and washed the SA bus. New Covenant was able to offer floor scrubbers, chainsaws, two pressure-washers, and a tractor for the effort. Perhaps the best project was re-painting all the **red kettles** used by the SA ringers at Christmas.

Younger students met at New Covenant to

WHAT'S NEW?

New Covenant continues to work slowly toward its plan for re-opening school on August 19. Our plan remains in development, and will be shared with the community as soon as possible. We thank you for your continued patience. If you are making travel plans between now and the opening of school, and if you are traveling to a "hot spot" such as Virginia, or North and South Carolina beaches, we urge you to self-quarantine when you return. Many individuals from Lynchburg are contracting the virus during such trips and returning home. The closer we get to the opening of school, the more this becomes a concern as we plan to open. It is our intent to open the school with a "clean" start, with protocols in place. If you are taking an August vacation, please be aware that we will want to confirm your child's health before attending classes. This is most easily accomplished by a self-quarantine of at least a week after travel.

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create toiletry bags, to roll silverware, and to make individual laundry packs. They also packed small bags of cereal to be given to those visiting the SA. Tammy Shanks, the Director of Development for the SA said, "It was wonderful to see everyone excited to be together again. We watched students hugging each other as they prepared to work. This day is always a great help to us at the Salvation Army. But it helped our heart even more so this year."

RUSH HOMES

This organization provides affordable housing for those who have disabilities and/or low income. The impact on lives is powerful, and our students get to see it up close as they offer services to residents who are the recipients of these homes. The hosting staff at Rush Homes love our students and were grateful that they could come: "We have not had any groups like New Covenant volunteer since March. It is wonderful to have help at this location."

THE ARC OF VIRGINIA

The ARC is our newest location of service, an organization that provides services to disabled adults who need care during the day. We were not able to get our team into the facility due to on-going covid-19 protocols, but our team was able to gather at New Covenant to make about 100 activity packs for the clients. Each included sensory-motor activities that caregivers can use to enhance learning with their clients.



NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

Our youngest children gathered at New Covenant to plant flowers in many of the beds around the campus. Facilities Manager, **Darren Johnson**, provided about 250 flowers that the children planted. The plants were deeply discounted to the school. Take a look next time you are on campus. Other



students were busy washing our bus fleet and preparing them for use this fall.

New Covenant wishes to thank all of our parent-volunteers who assisted with supervision and help at each location. We also thank the steering committee that worked close with Dayna Renalds to make this project as success - **Nancy Hicks, Mindy Oppenheimer, Sarah Gauger, and Angela Winters.**

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Previous page - Jackson Taylor cuts the hedges at Rush Homes while Carter Newsome and Saria Hostetler weed the garden;

Top left - Wagner Spiva washes a bus at the Salvation Army

Top right - Caleb Oppenheimer operated the tractor at the Salvation Army for most of the day

Above - Nicole Clark, Rebekah and Lizzie Bryant paint in the gym at the Salvation Army

Left - Jordan Buckner, Peter Brophy, Christian Henson, and Colton Buckner weed at the SA