

Capitol Region's Day of Service 2017 Review

Overview

Our aim was to serve & partner with a Young Life Region to draw students together from different Young Life areas with varying economic, social and racial backgrounds. We included Young Life College, Capernaum, YoungLives and churches connected with Young Life across the Capital Region.

We decided to hold the event on Martin Luther King Day as a way to transform Dr. King's life and teachings into community service that helps empower and strengthen local communities. Dr. King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" We wanted to spur students on to view service as a way of life in response to the Gospel and not just a way to earn community service hours for college resumes.

The location was one of the key components and was chosen by Chris Chiles, the Area Director in SE DC. Chris is hoping to start a WyldLife club at Charles Hart Middle School and contacted school administration about the possibility of holding a Day of Service at their school. They welcomed our group and shared a number of possible projects we could work on and ultimately the school asked us to paint lockers.

Goals for the Day

- Provide an accessible and tangible discipleship opportunity for kids and their leaders who might not be able to serve on work crew or summer staff or go on an International Expedition trip.
- Build unity within a Young Life Region by bringing rural, suburban and urban students & leaders together and giving the opportunity to engage with others of varying backgrounds.
- Deepen our understanding of the scriptures' teaching on generosity of heart, mind, body, and spirit. We want to show kids how they can practically love God and others well.
- Add credibility to Young Life in a new school community.
- Raise Campership money for Young Life in Washington D.C.

Key Ingredients

- Area Director to partner within chosen community.
- Regional Director understanding the vision for the event and willing to promote it across the YL Region.
- Small team of staff from the Region to help shape the day and own small pieces of the event.
- School Administration or Community Representative willing to accommodate our group.

Highlights

- We had 152 students & leaders participate
- We painted an entire floor of lockers
- Ashley's email, teacher at Charles Hart:

Good Morning Chris,

On behalf of Charles Hart Middle School, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE! We are so grateful for the wonderful job you and your students did on the lockers yesterday! The students were respectful, detail oriented and professional. I was beyond impressed with the teams' organization and commitment to doing a great job. You all far exceeded my expectations and the impact of your work will be felt for years to come. Please feel free to share our gratitude with the rest of your team!

Also, please let me know if you are still interested in bringing Young Life to Hart! If you're still interested, we would love to begin moving forward!

*Thank you,
Ashley*