

November & December Edition



Youth Serving the Community

The *Teen Friendship Volunteer Corps* (TFVC) youth are getting involved in communities.

October was an exciting month for the Friendship Volunteer Center. Make A Difference Day is a national day of volunteering. There were a lot of projects right here in Lee County. The Friendship Volunteer Center had two projects, Project Bedtime we collected pajamas, stuff toys, books, tooth brushes, anything a child would need at bedtime. We made up gift bags and gave them to children living in children's homes right here in Lee County. There were 135 children that we gave them to. Our goal was 135 gift bags we were able to fill 140 gift bags so we were able to give the extra bags to other organizations so that they can give them to children that were taken from their parents. It was such a great event. Our second project was called Kool-Aid for the troops, we were collecting Kool-Aid singles and we boxed them up to send them to the troops over seas. Our goal was to fill 20 boxes we filled 27. We collected 6713 Kool-Aid single packets. It was amazing to be able to do something good for the troops. It's hard to drink water all the time so now they will have a way to spice up their water. Adopt A Platoon provided us with the address of the chaplains so that they can get the Kool-Aid to as many soldiers as they can. We had some IN-CREADBLE volunteers that came out to help us with both projects October 27, 2007.

I have adopted a soldier through Adopt A Platoon at www.adoptaplatoon.org. His name is John and he is 34 and he's in a remote part of Afghanistan. I will be sending him things every month, and I will be writing him letters every week. If you would like to write him you can e-mail it to me and I will mail it to him.

We would like to do a volunteer project during the winter break. I'm looking at December 27th in the afternoon or January 3rd in the afternoon. If you would like to help out please call me for more information on these projects is available on the teen web-site at <http://www.volunteerlee.org/teenvolunteer/index.html> I update the web site on a weekly basic.



What the Youth in our communities are doing

Brownie Troop 142 and Crestwell School in Ft. Myers adopted one of our boxes for Kool-Aid for the Troops. They collected 1945 Kool-Aid single Packets. They also wrote letters to the troops, we were able to put their letters in every box. Good Job Troop 142 and Crestwell school.

North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts also adopted a box and they collected 1758 Kool-Aid single packets. The school turned it into a contest. The class that Collected the most Kool-Aid Singles would get either a pizza party or an ice cream party. They winning class was a 2nd grade class. Dr. Distasio's class collected 482 Kool-Aid Packets. They got a pizza party. They were nice enough to invite me to the party. It was such a good time. I had so much fun with them. Good Job North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts and Dr. Distasio's class.

Island Coast High School also adopted a box and they collected 296 Kool-Aid Packets. They were the first school to adopt a box. Thank you Mrs. Shoemaker the Guidance Counselor for the school. Good Job Island Coast High School.

The 4-H club the Tally Ho, they made up pillow cases for the teenagers that live in the three children's homes that were part of Project Bedtime. They did such a GREAT job with this project. They also wrote a letter to the soldiers and put all the current events so that they will know what is going on in the us. We put one in every box. Thank you and Good job Tally Ho.

Girl Scout Troop 912 from St. Francis school collected items for Project Bedtime. They collected PJ's Stuff toys, baby blankets, body spray, books, tooth paste, floss, deodorant, baby bath, body wash, combs, brushes, tooth brushes. They brought in a lot of items. Thank You troop 912 and Good Job.

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