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Back-to-School Resource Fair!

by Shriya Rajagopalan

As another successful way to help under-privileged families, Charity Crossing and other organizations participated in a Back-to-School Resource fair on August 19, which was led by the Delaware Department of Justice. Not only were there school supplies, but there was also food, haircuts, family resources, COVID-19 vaccinations, and fun, relaxing activities that families and kids could enjoy before their school starts. Everything at the program was free. Along with Charity Crossing, other Delaware organizations

like Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers, Big Sisters contributed their services and supplies to the fair. News reporters also came to interview the volunteers and film the event. Overall, this fair was a big accomplishment for the organizers, as there were over 150 people who attended and enjoyed. Charity Crossing thanks the Delaware Department of Justice for giving this opportunity to participate and help bring smiles on more people's faces.

Summer School Supplies Giveaway

by Abhinav Parmar

Throughout July and August, Charity Crossing held multiple School Supply Giveaways to aid students in need of supplies for the 2021-2022 school year. Charity Crossing gave away backpacks, pencil pouches, pencils, markers, and other essential supplies. As I was in attendance for some of these events, I can say with absolute confidence that the events were a complete success. We had many families in attendance who were able to fulfill their needs for the upcoming school year.



Despite the heat, volunteers did a great job staying out the entire day to help those families in need. It was definitely worth it, as we saw how grateful the kids and families were as they received the supplies they needed as the school year starts. The volunteers that were there to assist were truly very amazing, energetic, and glad to serve the community with a smile. Great job volunteers!



Truckload Donations

by Nithi Chrisostam

Helen Keller once said, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Thanks to our volunteers, we know that's true! In early August, Charity Crossing announced that three truckloads of donations had been received for distribution in the community. These donations included disposable face masks, disinfectant sprays, and disinfectant wipes. In light of the recent surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant, sanitation and cleanliness are the greatest weapons in our personal arsenal against the virus. When shared, our strength increases tenfold. Our phenomenal volunteers helped make sure we could share these resources, to protect our community from the pandemic's oncoming wave.

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Weekly Serves

by Kirti Daga

Volunteers immediately connected with hospitals, libraries, schools, temples, churches, and other community organizations to donate face masks, disinfectant sprays, and wipes. All in all, we were able to distribute \$800,000 worth of resources, including over 16,560 disinfectant sprays, 18,000 wipes, and over 1.1 million masks! Charity Crossing thanks our volunteers for making this coordination possible, as well as Second Chances Farms, for providing warehouse space at no cost. This made these truckload donations possible. Because of our efforts, countless people will stay safer and healthier. Way to go, CC volunteers!

Back in 2015, a group of CC volunteers joined Premiere Charities to help the community they lived in. This group believed in healthy, strong, vibrant, and friendly communities-- Therefore, their charity and volunteer activities focused on supporting and developing the community. The group started with providing basic needs to the less fortunate individuals in Delaware. That priceless action of a few, ended up reaching the hearts of thousands. Charity Crossing has become one of Delaware's more active organizations, that successfully executes meaningful initiatives that benefit the community and Mother Nature.

Charity Crossing continues to have weekly serves to this day, and has now expanded to four different locations throughout Delaware: The William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center and Second Chances Farm in Wilmington, the Rose Hill Community Center in New Castle, and the Living Grace Worship Cathedral in Middletown. Each Sunday, volunteers come together at their location and set up supplies such as household items, clothes, food, and many other useful items for underprivileged families. From single mothers to veterans, the volunteers at Charity Crossing bring about an incalculable strength to help humanity as a whole. On average, families can receive nearly \$25-\$100 in donations per week from CC. We thank Premiere charities for inspiring us to take these initiatives, and our volunteers and donors in making these initiatives possible.



Additional News

Youth Leadership Program

CC's Youth Leadership Program for the 2021-2022 school year is officially open! This program aims at giving our youth the opportunity to learn critical life skills and make an impact on their community. Youth leaders must successfully lead an initiative under CC and display leadership qualities. For more information, email <u>info@charitycrossing.org</u>.

Amazon Smile

Charity Crossing is a member of the Amazon Smile program, which is a great way to raise funds and reach more people in need. To start off, Amazon Smile has the same products as the Amazon that you normally shop on, except this site donates a part of the money from your purchase to Charity Crossing. No extra cost to you! Please go on smile.amazon.com or use the regular Prime app on your phone to sign up first. For more instructions on how to sign up, please check out the Amazon Smile flyer in CC's website and Facebook.

Matching Donations

As Charity Crossing is a non-profit organization, a big part of the reason we can constantly serve the community is due to help from corporate donors. An amazing example of this occurred earlier this year in February, when JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, and other employers matched employee donations and helped raise \$11,713 for Charity Crossing's vehicle fundraiser. We encourage you to check with your employer to see if there are similar programs available!

New Store + Plant Sale!

Charity Crossing is expanding its horizon to an online store to help raise funds for CC to better serve our community. To begin with, the store sells curry leaves, jasmine, and banana plants; Additionally, the store offers merchandise such as Charity Crossing branded sweatshirts, caps, metal water bottles, and car bumper magnets. To place your order, please go on <u>www.charitycrossing.org</u>. Happy shopping!



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