



Employees Love Volunteering at Second Harvest

MSA supports Second Harvest in more than one way. Along with a corporate contribution which provides financial support for the Bite 2 Go program, MSA employees have stepped up in a big way to volunteer their time. In July, the third volunteer event was held at Second Harvest where MSA Cares volunteers came together for this cause.

Collectively in 2017, more than 100 MSA Cares volunteers have sorted nearly 50,000 pounds of fresh produce and helped to package more than 4,000 weekend food supply kits for elementary school children. These efforts have provided nearly 60,000 meals for those in poverty, elderly and disabled people on fixed incomes, and children and families in temporary crisis.

Juan Rodriguez is the manager of MSA's Biological Controls program. He has volunteered for all three of the Second Harvest events, saying, "This is a great way to give back. We work hard for a few hours and get to see the tangible results of our work. Second Harvest is an incredible community resource and I'm honored to be able to help them provide food to those in need."



JA Volunteer of the Year Award

Karen Sinclair, with MSA Communications and External Affairs, was recently named the 2016-2017 Volunteer of the Year by our local Junior Achievement! Karen has been a classroom volunteer for 18 years and has helped coordinate MSA's bowling teams and fundraising for Junior Achievement's annual Bowling Classic Fundraiser since 2010. Susan Fillafer, regional director of Junior Achievement, stated "Karen's enthusiasm and passion are an asset to Junior Achievement and the more than 12,000 students we served this year. She's an inspiration to the students she works with and to everyone around her."

A 24-year employee of the Hanford Site, Karen began volunteering with Junior Achievement while she was earning her Bachelor's degree. She wanted to be a part of promoting education, saying, "The youth of today are our future, and it's important to invest our time in helping them develop into the successful leaders of tomorrow." Congratulations Karen!



Hanford Fills the Boots

MSA's Hanford Fire Department participated in the annual Fill the Boot campaign, benefitting the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Hanford employees generously donated nearly \$6,000!



MSA Stacks the Packs for Foster Children

150 school-aged foster children received backpacks full of school supplies, thanks to the generosity of MSA employees! Another 100 foster children will benefit from these donations. Members of MSA's Synergy Network, under the leadership of Stack the Packs founder and MSA employee Patti Lingle, served as ambassadors and collected the donations in early August. The donations filled up a conference room, where they were sorted by MSA volunteers, before being collected by grateful representatives of our local Department of Children and Family Services.



Books & Vines Fundraiser a Big Success

MSA is a long-time supporter of The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia. In addition to sponsoring the Books for Babies program, MSA sponsors their annual Books & Vines fundraiser. This year's event raised over \$130,000 to promote literacy and the power and benefits of reading.



Operation Thank You Golf Tournament 2017

MSA was the title sponsor for the Operation Thank You Golf Tournament, raising more than \$15,000. These funds will be used to prepare and send care packages to our troops overseas. Bobby Bates (right) with Conduct of Operations, served as the tournament director and volunteers often for Operation Thank You.

Children's Developmental Center Annual Fundraiser



The Children's Developmental Center, which provides services to children under 5 years old with developmental delays and challenges, held their annual Cuisine de Vin fundraiser in August and raised nearly \$80,000. As the title sponsor of the event, several MSA employees attended and learned more about the vital services provided by this organization.



Granting Wishes for Local Children

As a sponsor of *Wishes and Wine*, benefitting the Wishing Star Foundation, MSA and our employees proudly help grant wishes for children with life-threatening conditions. The Wishing Star Foundation fosters hope, community and lasting memories for children and their families in the Tri-Cities and Spokane.

