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Mission Support Alliance



Rod Briscoe installs a smoke alarm for a grateful homeowner.



Sean McFadden, Kelly Profitt, Darci Teel and Kelly's husband Ray, teamed up to help educate homeowners and install new smoke detectors.

Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.

A team of MSA volunteers recently installed 66 smoke detectors in homes in a retirement community on behalf of our local American Red Cross as part of their *Sound the Alarm, Save a Life* campaign. Along with installing these critical devices, 15 MSA volunteers provided fire safety and emergency planning information to the households.

Lori Araujo brushed up on her handy-woman skills while helping install smoke alarms.



MSA employees brought the force and fun once again for Junior Achievement's annual bowling fundraiser. This year's theme was Comic Con and the costumes were more creative than ever. With more than \$32,000 raised in 2018, MSA maintains the title of top corporate fundraiser and keeps the trophy for another year! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated – your support will help 12,000 local students.



Foundations for the Future

In addition to supporting the Youth of the Year program for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties, MSA supports the organization in other ways. Nearly 30 employees attended the Foundations for the Future fundraising breakfast, which raised more than \$70,000. As a company, MSA made a \$50,000 donation to the Boys & Girls Club's capital campaign and attended the groundbreaking for the new clubhouse which will be built in Kennewick and will serve hundreds of additional youth in our community.



Employees at the fundraising breakfast were treated to entertainment from the Boys & Girls Club Impact Percussion drum line and incredible youth speakers.



In a few months, this lot will be transformed into a brand new Boys & Girls Club clubhouse, where hundreds of youth will be positively impacted.

Enterprise Week



Members of MSA's Environmental Management System's team took part in the Pasco School District's Enterprise Week. Lana Stricking (L), Carly Nelson (M) and Michelle Rehberg (R), talked to 120 seniors about recycling at Hanford.

Engineering Our Future

The 2018 High School Friendly Competition, part of Hanford's Engineers Week, was a huge success! Over 350 students from 10 different schools around the Tri-Cities came to Kennewick High School to compete for the Engineers Cup trophy. Eighty-nine teams strategized to build the strongest and most stable bridges – using only pencils, paper and other office supplies and were judged on their creations. This year's winning team was from Liberty Christian. Thank you to our 30+ MSA volunteers who took time out of their day to help kids learn more about engineering!



Left: MSA's Patrick Barnes (left) and Kevin Hanlon (right) test the team's bridge durability and strength.

Right: Several of the MSA Volunteers

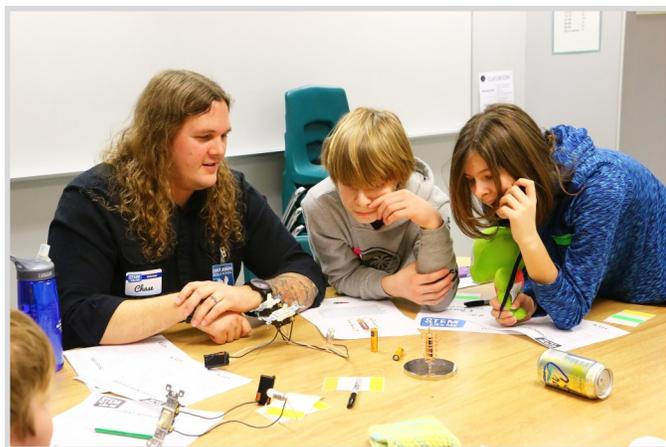


Youth of the Year

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties held their annual Youth of the Year competition, which gives members an opportunity to compete and earn the title “Youth of the Year.” Participants receive leadership development training and coaching, and apply those skills through written essays, speeches and interviews. MSA employees supported the Boys & Girls Club by volunteering to be judges again this year. It’s MSA’s goal to make an impact on our community, especially in education and leadership for youth. We’re proud to be part of such a great program. This year’s winner is Zane Castilleja from the Prosser branch. A few weeks after winning the local competition, Zane went on to be named the Washington State Youth of the Year.



MSA employees with the four Youth of the Year finalists.



Wanna Be STEM Like Me?

Electrical Utilities planner Chase McClendon volunteered for the STEM Foundation’s STEM Like ME program at Chief Joseph Middle School. MSA is a strong supporter of the STEM Foundation and we often try to find volunteers for this program to introduce STEM careers to young people. Chase talked to the students about his own career path and gave hands-on demonstrations about static electricity, electrical switching and electro-magnetism. The simple experiments stimulated the student’s interest,” Chase recalled. “I energized a simple circuit and sat back to enjoy how their eyes lit up.” Chase has been with MSA for 2 years and is a licensed electrician.

Plunging for Special Olympics

Would you jump into the Columbia River in mid-January? MSA’s Hanford Patrol along with Information Management sure did! By taking the plunge (aka the Polar Plunge) they took their support for Washington Special Olympics to new depths. The cold and numbness the jumpers feel is temporary, but the positive impact this event produces is not.



MSA employees took the plunge in support of Special Olympics.

Mock Interviews with Local Students

Job interviews can be stressful no matter your age, but they can be especially intimidating for high school students. Several MSA employees volunteered at Delta High School to help prepare students for future interviews. Julie Lindstrom, Human Resources, organized the MSA volunteers after participating last year. "Working with the students at Delta High School is always such an incredible experience. They put their heart and soul into preparing for the day; from resume preparation to their professional attire. It's humbling to share insights on how to put their best foot forward when promoting their skills and abilities. Often students don't realize how their everyday activities translate to the work environment, and I enjoy helping them learn how to make those connections."



Steve Meyer conducts a mock interview.



Jason Lacher reviews interview questions with a student.

Cancer-Crushing Fundraising Breakfast



Thank you to our generous and caring MSA family who were able to attend the Tri-Cities Cancer Center breakfast.



Thanks Dru Butler and Ann Shattuck for showing your support!

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center held their 18th annual Cancer Crushing Breakfast. This event is an opportunity to learn about the Foundation's expanded partnerships that help improve community health and breakthroughs in their services that are making a difference for our region! This year's breakfast set a record high for attendance and money raised. Over 900 people, including 50 MSA employees, helped raise \$110,421! The overwhelming amount of support from the community and from MSA employees was incredible – we really mean it when we say our MSA family is bar none!

Second Harvest Support Continues



Over the last year and a half, MSA support for Second Harvest has been incredible. Nearly 100 employees and loved ones have already volunteered with Second Harvest in 2018, sorting food in January and packing Bite2Go weekend food kits in March. Thanks to the strong support for this organization, MSA Cares has committed to holding at least four volunteer events a year for Second Harvest. Keep an eye out for one this summer!