

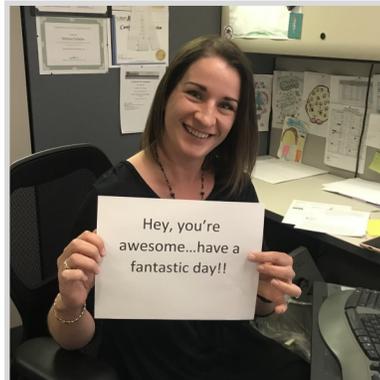


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## Random Acts of Kindness Week



June 18-21 was our 2nd annual Random Acts of Kindness Week! The MSA Cares team helped spread a bit of joy all week long – dropping off goodies to fellow employees on site and in town. They were even spotted dropping off treats at several of our community partners (Local Union 598, Children’s Developmental Center, Junior Achievement, The Children’s Reading Foundation of Mid-Columbia, TRIDEC, Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce and Domestic Violence Services). The best part of this week was seeing what other members of our MSA family were doing to put smiles on people’s faces! Thank you to everyone who helped spread a little joy this week and remember, you can do a random act of kindness any day of the week, any week of the year. You never know what a small act can do to improve someone’s day!!



## Building Up Those In Need

Employees from Site Services & Interface Management, along with a few others, led a volunteer effort for Habitat for Humanity on behalf of MSA Cares. Brian Von Bargen, vice president of Site Services & Interface Management, was excited to have such a great turnout. "Knowing it would be hard work, I'm proud of everyone who answered this call and helped out. It's humbling to know that soon, a family will be making this house their home."



Thank you to our wonderful employees who took time out of their Friday to help Habitat for

## Hispanic Academic Achievers Program Award



MSA's Rae Moss and Anel Suarez had the opportunity to meet the Hispanic Achievers Program's top scholar, Rosa Carballo Ramirez, who received a scholarship for \$11,500, along with Columbia Basin College President Dr. Rebecca Woods.

## The Power of Connection



Reinvesting in our future workforce and future leaders is something MSA proudly supports. Several MSA employees and their spouses attended Columbia Basin College's The Power of Connection fundraising dinner. The event raised \$173,000! All proceeds raised support the college's scholarship funds.

## Second Harvest

MSA really cares about making time to help fight hunger in our community! Forty MSA employees and their family members sorted 7,245 pounds of cherries, which equates to 6,038 meals provided to those in need!



We love getting to meet the spouses, kids and friends of our MSA family!

## Earth Day

In addition to being environmental stewards of the Hanford Site all year long, MSA employees volunteered with the Tapteal Greenway Association for an Earth Day trail repair activity.



The MSA family isn't afraid to get dirty for a good cause.



## The HeART of Healing

MSA employees and their families enjoyed themselves at the 2nd annual HeART of Healing benefit for Cork's Place. This unique event features original artwork by local children and teens. Proceeds support free grief care services for children, teens and families in the community.



Paul Gravelle with Training & Conduct of Operations, his wife June; Carol Beaver (Libby's mom) and Libby Butler, also with Training & Conduct of Operations, had a nice evening at the Heart of Healing benefit.

## Logging Miles in May

Sixteen employees joined one of two teams (logging nearly 2,000 miles) as part of the Bike Everywhere Challenge.



The Hanford Fire Marshal's Office, Alex Nelson, Richard Olson, Adam Popiel, Ben Johnson and Joe Vincent took advantage of some nice weather in May and took part in Bike to Work Day.



The "MSA Fed Shed" team, Michael Klein, Matt Mills, Ken Moser, Ann Shattuck, Carly Nelson and Lana Strickling were excited to share their love of biking with co-workers and friends.

## Running for a Cause

It was a beautiful day for the Tri-Cities Cancer Center's annual Run for Ribbons. Our MSA family was over 60 strong for the event and helped raise over \$4,300! Participants decorate their blank ribbon shirts to honor a memory, celebrate a survivor, or encourage hope - the yellow shirts are proudly worn by cancer survivors!



Bill Stevens and Lanette Adams were brave enough to run/walk the 5k.



Tracy Hale and her family were ready to run and show their support for Run for Ribbons.



Libby Butler, Sean McFadden, Stacey Chinsky and Grant Ryan were just a few members of Team MSA Cares.

## Stop the Summer Slide



MSA Cares volunteers worked together to label nearly 3,000 books in just over an hour.

Students who don't read over the summer can lose 2-3 months of reading proficiency, creating a literacy gap known as the "summer slide." MSA teamed up with The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia to sponsor the Read Up program. This program provided a summer library to more than 350 students from nine schools across the Tri-Cities. MSA employees volunteered to help label and organize the nearly 3,000 books for this program.

## We Appreciate Our Volunteers



To celebrate the more than 500 employee and family member volunteers we had in 2017, MSA Cares hosted the third annual Volunteer Appreciation social in April. The first-ever MSA Cares Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Sean McFadden with Crane & Rigging, for his dedication to numerous MSA Cares activities. Thank you to everyone who has made MSA Cares a success – keep an eye out for opportunities to give back all year long!



To see more photos from past MSA Cares events, visit the Mission Support Alliance Facebook page!  
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