Mission Support Alliance Community Outreach

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MSA Mission Support Alliance

Tri-Cities Cancer Center Fundraising Breakfast

MSA has proudly sponsored the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation's fundraising breakfast since 2011. This year, nearly 40 MSA employees attended the event to help raise money for local cancer patients and their families. The event raised a record breaking $105,000!

2017 Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

MSA is proud to be the sponsor of the Youth of the Year program for the Boys & Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties. The Youth of the Year competition is the club's premier leadership and recognition program for teens. Participants receive leadership development training and coaching and then put their skills to the test through a competition which includes written essays, speeches and interviews. Several MSA employees had the opportunity to judge the competitions this year and were impressed with the skill and poise of these young individuals. This year's winner was Alex Garcia, a senior at Pasco High School and 13-year member of the Boys & Girls Club.

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Junior Achievement Bowling Night

This year's Junior Achievement bowling night was extra special for MSA. On March 9, MSA took over all lanes for an exclusive MSA-only night of bowling with an additional 10 teams bowling on March 2. We had a total of 59 teams – breaking last year's record of 43 teams.

In total, MSA employees raised $43,482, a 30 percent increase over last year's total – keeping the coveted trophy for another year! MSA's support of Junior Achievement continues to be outstanding and we are looking forward to next year!

Supporting Second Harvest

MSA is partnering with Second Harvest to support childhood hunger relief by sponsoring Second Harvest's Bite2Go program, which provides weekend food kits for students. To celebrate this new outreach effort, MSA Cares organized volunteers on a Friday morning to sort food. Nearly 40 employees and family members sorted more than 13,000 pounds of potatoes and apples.

Second Harvest provides 2 million pounds of free food each month to fill nutritional gaps for people in need. MSA chose to sponsor the Bite2Go program to provide elementary school children nutritious food over the weekend so they don't return to school on Monday hungry and unable to learn.

Hanford Patrol Takes the Plunge for Special Olympics

On Jan. 21, some of MSA's most adventurous Hanford Patrol tackled the cold and took the plunge into the Columbia River in support of Washington's Special Olympics! They weren't alone - the Hanford Explorers and Captain Rudy Almeida volunteered at the event. The Polar Plunge is a fundraiser organized by law enforcement agencies across Washington. Anyone with a little courage and a giving heart can participate and embrace the cold to show their support for this worthy cause.

Expanding Horizons

MSA employees volunteered at the "Expanding Your Horizons" conference for local middle school girls. Volunteers talked about the importance of education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math and led hands-on projects.

Public Safety & Resource Protection Teams with Domestic Violence Services

MSA's Public Safety & Resource Protection group invited representatives from Domestic Violence Services to present at their all-hands meeting and donated personal care items, household goods and gift cards to the organization.

Building a Foundation for the Future

To continue our support of the Boys & Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties, MSA employees attended their annual fundraising breakfast, Foundation for the Future. Attendees were treated to performances and speeches by Club members and helped to raise more than $60,000.

Engineers Week

Hanford Engineers Week is a student outreach organization whose mission is to encourage students to pursue education and careers in engineering. MSA employees volunteered their time to bring fun, engineer-inspired activities to schools around the Tri-Cities.