

VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Middle school students at a local school work on a “compassion project” each year. After researching several area organizations, they chose to help Kids in Crisis. Students met as a group to prepare and deliver dinners for residents and hosted several creative fundraisers to purchase restaurant gift cards — a big treat for residents enjoying a special occasion.

As part of their annual volunteer initiative, 15 tax professionals spent an afternoon in late spring helping out around the houses at Kids in Crisis. The group brightened the Agency’s campus by arranging outdoor furniture, preparing gardens, planting annuals, and adding colorful baskets along the Crisis Nursery’s front porch. When one young resident returned from school he exclaimed, “Look, at the flowers! You did that for me?” Finally, the volunteers ended their day by coming inside and installing a generous gift — a new computer for teenage residents who now regularly use it for high school homework assignments.

A local mom was looking for a regular volunteer project that she could do with her husband and two young children. After discussing a few options, the family decided that they could best help by preparing and delivering meals to the Agency on an on-going basis. Once a month, the family spent a few hours shopping and cooking a meal for 10 teen residents, thereby assisting the Agency and creating a regular opportunity for the family to work together to serve others.

Kids in Crisis is able to provide families and children with its outstanding residential and community services through the extensive support of committed individuals, civic organizations and businesses who generously donate their time to the Agency. We recognize and thank these many men, women and teens for their dedication and ongoing support.

Kids in Crisis volunteers provide help on a weekly, monthly or even annual basis. For every individual or business, Kids in Crisis offers a menu of volunteer services customized to individual interests and schedules. Now, at a time when crisis services are urgently needed and Kids in Crisis’ budgets and staff are stretched extremely thin, volunteers are even more critical to the ongoing operation of the Agency. ■

This year, 1,858 volunteers – working individually and in groups – donated more than 7,300 hours of service to the programs and children of Kids in Crisis.

