

Volunteer efforts, donations to schools greatly appreciated

Volunteers set the neighborly tone for Baytown and Highlands. They cheerfully and willingly donate their time and efforts to a cause, or causes, near and dear to their hearts. Both financial giving and volunteerism stand as hallmarks that help make the community an attractive one.

Goose Creek CISD schools benefit year after year from these volunteers and donations from local companies and organizations.

Here are some of the companies and groups who have recently donated time and work to improve the lives of Goose Creek CISD students and teachers.

• AT& T through its AT&T Pioneers program — a volunteer organization made up of employees and retirees — donates 200 dictionaries to the staff and students of Victoria Walker Elementary School.

 Local Home Depot volunteers spent a couple of weekends sprucing up San Jacinto and Bowie elementary schools. At San Jacinto, Home Depot volunteers painted the upstairs teachers lounge while at Bowie, volunteers created a garden for the school.

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• The Rotary Club of Baytown donated \$978.15 to purchase backpacks for Mirabeau Lamar Elementary School students. Beacon Federal Credit Union also donated money to purchase backpacks for the students at Ashbel Smith Elementary School. Air Products plant employees conducted a backpack drive and donated them to George Washington Carver Elementary School. Also at Carver, Wal-mart donated some gift cards to teachers there.

• At B. P. Hopper Primary School, local Target employees painted and spruced up the library. After working in the library, the team spent time in each classroom reading to students.

 During the district convocation before school started, Community Resource Credit Union generously donated four laptops to be raffled off to four lucky district employees.

 Lastly, donations continue to roll in for the Goose Creek Education Foundation, a not-for-profit organization to enhance the education of Goose Creek CISD students. Companies recently donating to the cause include: Hotchkiss Disposal, Community Resource Credit Unit, Community Toyota*Honda*Kia, Aramark, Chatham Construction, Tremco, Ron Craft, and Bartlett Cocke to name but a few.



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