



The LONGWOOD Letter

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News For The Residents of Longwood

Cypress Christian Students Serve Locally and Worldwide

From Mexico to Honduras to Viet Nam, from Spain to Guatemala, from England to Norway, from Texas to Louisiana to Mississippi and back home to Houston, students from Cypress Christian School made a difference in our community and the world this past summer!

Many CCS students served on missions and evangelistic teams throughout the summer. Recently, they shared how they helped to impact the lives of their fellow Americans, as well as those in other countries, by:

- Holding vacation bible schools and religion classes
- Handing out food and clothing
- Praying and sharing the gospel with others
- Performing puppet shows and making balloon animals for children
- Building new homes, painting and repairing old ones
- Visiting orphanages
- Leading worship

When asked to describe their experiences, these students responded, "Amazing," "Humbled," "Useful," "Excited," and "Life Changing." When asked if they would serve again, they enthusiastically replied, "YES!" Also, they highly recommended that others become involved because, as one student commented, "You will never be the same!"

We at Cypress Christian School wholeheartedly support and encourage service to others. In fact, it is part of our mission statement. Whether you are a student or an adult, we believe you will experience much joy by helping to provide for those in need.

A note to parents: Recently, a report was published stating that children who participate in service projects are more likely to volunteer as adults, because they have conquered their fear of the unknown and found joy in serving others. We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to become involved in such worthy endeavors, so that the tradition of service to others will be carried forward to the next generation.

Cy-Fair High School Project Prom 2008 Fundraising Kicks Off

Huddle up, CFHS parents, seniors, extended families, friends, and neighbors – support Project Prom and have fun at the same time! We are off to a great beginning with our starting lineup of fundraising events, sales, and other activities. You can purchase flats of bedding plants, evergreen wreaths, and more through Project Prom. There are many other ways you can help. Check out our website at www.cyfairprojectprom.com to see the many different opportunities and our detailed calendar of events.

General membership meetings. CFHS cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 15, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb 25, March 24, and April 21.

Golf Tournament. Friday, November 2, 8:30 a.m., Houston National Golf Club. Sign-up form online. Contact: Robert Calloway, 281-744-9476, robert@calloway.com.

Riverboat Casino Night. Sunday, November 11, 5 to 9 p.m., Parkway Chevrolet. Dinner, auction, prizes, and charity casino games. Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor tables. Tickets \$25. Contact: Susan O'Hara at suzanneohara@yahoo.com.

Denim & Diamonds. Saturday, February 2, 2008, House Plantation. Dinner, live band, silent auction. Contact: Dina Thomas at dinathom@yahoo.com or Vicki McCain at beamccain@comcast.net.

The Busy Parent Fundraiser form on our website provides an easy way to contribute. Donations of money, goods, and services to Project Prom are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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Poison Control.....	800-764-7661
Traffic Light Issues.....	713-881-3210

SCHOOLS

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Cypress Fairbanks ISD Transportation.....	281-897-4380
Cypress Fairbanks Senior High.....	281-897-4600
Goodson Middle School.....	281-373-2350
Hamilton Elementary.....	281-370-0990

OTHER NUMBERS

Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
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Harris County Health Department.....	713-439-6260
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Cypress United Methodist Church

- **Award Winning Pumpkin Patch**, ranked in the top 10 of Houston area patches, will be open from Oct. 12th through Oct. 31st. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All the proceeds from the sales of pumpkins, flowers and baked goods go to support the missions of the church both locally and around the world. Don't forget your cameras! There are great picture opportunities as well.
- **The Path Student Ministry** is very excited about their new format and redecorated youth rooms. The fun and fellowship begins every Sunday night from 5:30 – 7:30 @ the MAC. For details of the youth ministry go to www.cypress-umc.org under ministries or contact our Youth Director, Christie Atnip at 281-469-0730.
- **C.A.P.S. (Community Activities Program for Seniors)** meets every Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for fun, fellowship, and a delightful noon meal for \$4. They also have some upcoming trips planned: Saturday, October 13 – Texas Opry in Magnolia. Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$21/person. Friday, November 9 – Alameda Theatre (Smithsonian) in San Antonio. For more details on the senior ministry go to www.cypress-umc.org under ministries or contact Rev. Harold Knolls at 281-469-0730.

Visit our entire website at www.cypress-umc.org for other exciting programs happening at the church. Cypress UMC is located at 13403 Cypress N. Houston Road in Cypress 77429.

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Operation Jobs, an outreach ministry of Cypress Assistance Ministry, is sponsoring a **2nd Chance Job Fair on October 12**, at our location, 11202 Huffmeister. We are seeking employers to participate in the job fair that are willing hire persons with a criminal record. When persons with criminal records are employed, they gain self-esteem, become productive members of the community, and are able to provide for their families. If your company would like to participate in the 2nd Chance Job Fair, please contact, Darrell Christiansen, Operation Jobs director, at 281-955-5895.

The services provided at CAM are made possible by many dedicated volunteers. We have volunteer openings in several departments. If you would like to become

a CAM volunteer, please contact Lisa at 281-955-76784.

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM), located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times. For a description of all our services and volunteer opportunities, please see our Web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com

Donations to Cypress Assistance Ministries can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3 PM.

If you need further information, please give us a call at 281-955-7684 and ask for Kelly or Lisa.

The Date is Set!

Saturday morning, October 27th, 2007 is the date for the 6th Annual Fairfield 5K for Life Fun Run/Walk.

Plan on joining us at the Fairfield Athletic Club on Mason Road right off of 290 early Saturday morning for a jaunt through Fairfield's beautiful hike and bike trails.

Look for entry forms at the Fairfield Athletic Club or you may register at Active.com. For sponsorship information or if you have any questions, call Jane Lakatos at 281-373-9767. This event benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society helping to cure all blood-related cancers.

Did You Know

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month - To find more our please visit the American Cancer Website at:
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GOLF TOURNAMENT

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www.CyFairProjectProm.com

Entry Fee: \$100 / player

Golf will include 18 holes, green fees, cart, lunch & range balls.

Prizes will be given for individual and team play.

We hope you can join us! If you don't have a foursome, one can be arranged for you. All money must be paid before the start of the outing .

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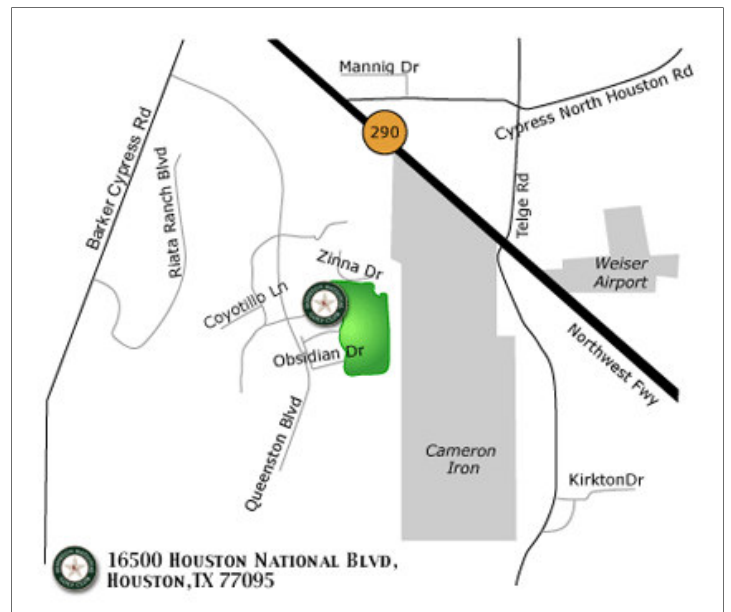
You may sign up online or download our registration forms.

www.CyFairProjectProm.com

If you have any questions please call or email Robert Calloway.

Cell: 281-744-9476

Email: robert@calloway.com



- 8:30 am Shotgun start
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Project Prom is a drug and alcohol free prom after-party designed to keep graduating seniors off the street and safe after prom. See our website for more info about Project Prom and about the tournament! CyFair Project Prom is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All fees are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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14th ANNUAL WOW CRAFT SHOW

Good Shepherd UMC - Fairfield

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 - 9:00 – 4:00

This is your chance to get ahead of the holiday shopping rush. There will be indoor and outdoor vendors. Items range from jewelry, candles, purses, baby items, wooden arts, yard art, holiday decorations, etc. A sample of the vendors are:

- Inspirational Arts
- Kid in a Kandy Shop
- Homeade Gourmet
- Floral Bouquets
- Discover Toys
- Cookie Lee Jewelry
- Creative Memories
- Acrylic & oil paintings & mural service
- Two Sisters and a Friend
- Longaberger Baskets & Pottery
- Wooden crafts, bowls, pens, etc
- Lia Sophia Jewelry
- Scent-Sations
- Wymsickle Creations
- Ideal Jewelry
- Holiday metal & yard sculptures
- Wiltex Houston Wind Spinners

There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

Also, the United Methodist Men will be sponsoring our annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring the kiddos to check out the pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free. All proceeds go to support local and international missions.

Good Shepherd Church is located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in the Fairfield Subdivision, off Mason Road and Highway 290 in Cypress.

Contact Leslie Doyle at 281-373-9579 or leslie.mark.doyle@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Hush...Don't Say A Word: A Lullaby Book

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek is excited to announce the release of its first publication, Hush...Don't Say A Word: A Lullaby Book. The combination of fine art, lyrical music from an exquisite singer and classical guitarist, glimpses of childhood through the lenses of an acclaimed photographer and artwork from local students and young children is brought together in a beautiful book for all ages.

The Pearl is proud to announce that this publication will be featured in a book fair sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Champions Village. Please join us in celebrating this masterwork of art October 13-20, 2007 at the Champions Village store located at 5305 FM 1960 West. There will be activities for all ages throughout the week including refreshments, book signings, and special performances. Also, a portion of all in-store purchases will benefit The Pearl.

Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes are available from the Barnes and Noble Café and can be pre-ordered. Get your Cheesecake Factory cheesecake for the holidays while supporting The Pearl at the same time. Cheesecakes can be picked up and paid for during the week of the book fair and can be frozen for the holiday season.

Don't miss your chance to own the first publication of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek!

For more information, please visit us online at www.pearlmfa.org or call 281-376-6322.

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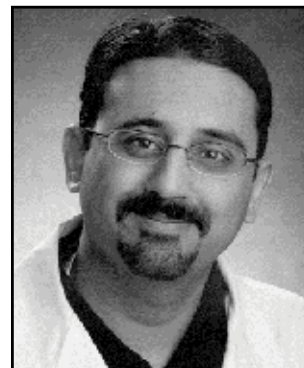
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Cy-Fair College Perspective

“Anna in the Tropics” Continues through Oct. 7

Ron Jones will direct “Anna in the Tropics” in the Main Stage Theater through Oct. 7 with a reception set following the Sept. 28 show. Winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, this poignant and poetic play is set in Florida in 1929 in a Cuban-American family owned cigar factory in which cigars are rolled by hand and “lectors” are employed to educate and entertain the workers. This play is recommended for high school age and above. For tickets and information, call 281-290-5201 or go online to www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/cfcboxoffice.

It’s Time for the Third Annual Cy-Fest

Cy-Fair College will host the third annual community day for all ages in the Cy-Fair community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Cy-Fest, the college’s gift to the community, is a day of free food, festivities and family fun! For information go online to www.cy-faircollege.com.

Community talk on Financial Exploitation set Oct. 26

Save the date Oct. 26 for an eye-opening community talk on “Education and Awareness: The Best Defense Against Financial Exploitation,” set 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Conference Center. Leading this informative talk on financial industry terms, spotting investment schemes, “real life” examples of investment fraud cases, assistance resources and more is Benette

Zivley, Director of the Inspections and Compliance Division with the Texas State Securities Board. Hosting this community event is the Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at Cy-Fair College. For information on A.L.L., e-mail Twana York at twana.m.york@nhmccd.edu or call 281-290-5246.

Ever Thought About a New Career in Teaching?

Cy-Fair College will host an information session on two teaching programs Tuesday, Oct. 9 (and again Nov. 8) on the Barker Cypress campus in the Conference Center. The session will start at 5 p.m. and will cover information on the Associate of Arts in Teaching/Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (AAT/BAIS) joint enrollment program, in which participants can earn a University of Houston bachelor’s degree while taking classes on the Cy-Fair College campus. Then at 6 p.m., learn how to enter the teaching profession through the Alternative Certification Program. Call 281-290-3957 or go to www.cy-faircollege.com/tcp for information.

Visiting Artist Exhibition and Lecture

Don’t miss Inside Voices set Oct. 9 – Nov. 1 in the Center for the Arts Bosque Gallery. This exhibition features Houston area artists Robbie Martinez, Trish Klenow and Lizbeth Ortiz. The name of the exhibition and lecture is titled “Inside Voices”. The title relates to the dialogue these artists carry out within themselves when they create a

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piece. It also relates to the struggle and the need to make those voices heard. An informal discussion with the artists about the process they use to create their art will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 11. For gallery hours and information go to www.cy-faircollege.com/bosquegallery.

L.I.F.E. in October

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) October programs include treasures found at the beach, organic coffee talk, downloadable books, Autumn foods and quilting (the AIDS Memorial Quilt is on display.) Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu>.

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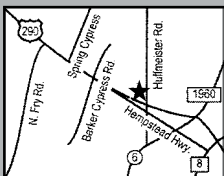
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GEMS

The GEMS Guild of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek will be holding their monthly meeting at the Forum at Cypress Creek Christian Church on October 22, 2007. Please join the GEMS for a presentation, "Pompeo Batoni: The Best Painter in Italy" from 9:30-11:00am. A reception will follow the lecture. For more information, call 281-376-6322.

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We invite you to join us

**Friday, October 12
through Wednesday,
October 31st from
10 am - 8 pm.**



You'll find homemade bread, yard decorations and pumpkins of all sizes! FREE Popcorn and snow cones from 4 - 8 pm and all day Saturdays and Sundays. A special treat, LIVE MUSIC and concessions on Friday, October 19th, 6 - 8:30 pm. All proceeds go to our Youth missions.

It's a great place to take pictures, too!

Please join us for worship services on Sunday. With Sunday School classes for children of all ages, over 17 Adult classes and a wide range of ministries, we are sure you'll find your place here at CUMC.

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 am - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
9:30 am - Contemporary Worship Center
11:00 am - Sanctuary & Worship Center

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The Foundry Church Craft Show and Tea Room

A Shopper's Heaven on Earth! The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will find terrific values on a wide array of goods from vendors offering handcrafted items, fall & Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children, toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace. You can also shop The Foundry General Store where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you are hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room, open 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees. Admission to the craft show is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the show for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-1/2 blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see www.foundryfamily.org.



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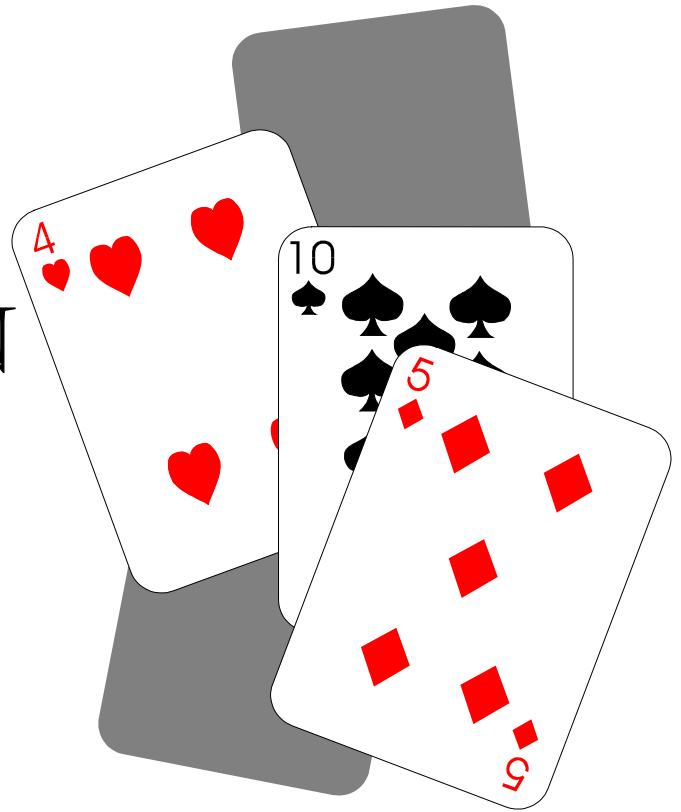
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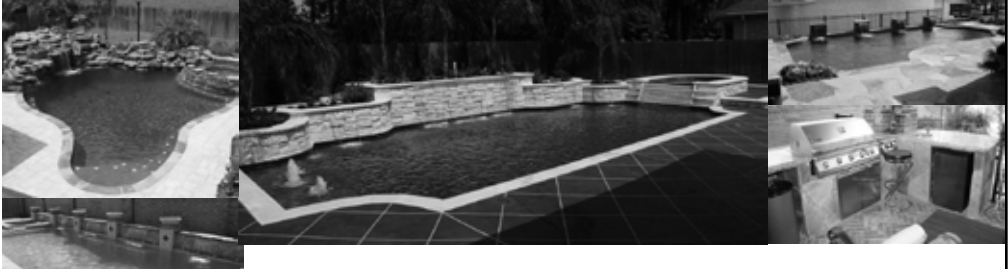
Don't miss out on these silent auction items!!! (and the list is growing!!)

- Rounds of golf-Longwood, Willow Creek, River Plantation, Pine Forest Country Club
- Spa Manicures, Pedicures, and Massages
- Restaurant gift certificates- Del Pueblo
- Steamboat House Steakhouse
- Free Drivers Education from Cypress Driving School
- Haak Vinyards Private Tour and Tasting
- Forbidden Gardens admission tickets
- Mountasia Tickets
- SplashTown Tickets
- 24 hour Fitness – 3 month membership
- Houston Aeros tickets
- Main Street Theater-youth theater tickets
- Radio Music Theatre-Live Comedy tickets
- Houston Museum of Natural Science admission tickets
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Recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Submitted by Mary Esther Middleton

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and over and breast cancer deaths have declined.

While this is exciting progress, there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all. Others do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

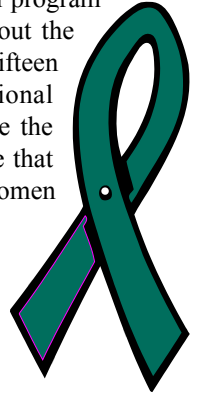
- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African-American women.
- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.
- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives.

If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods – mammography plus breast exam – breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent.

The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough! For more information about NBCAM, please visit www.nbcam.org. For additional information, please call one of the following toll-free numbers:

- American Cancer Society (800) 227-2345,
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) (800) 4-CANCER
- Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization (800) 221-2141

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Fifteen national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies comprise the Board of Sponsors, who work together to ensure that the NBCAM message is heard by thousands of women and their families.



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Cypress Christian Students Serve Locally and Worldwide

From Mexico to Honduras to Viet Nam, from Spain to Guatemala, from England to Norway, from Texas to Louisiana to Mississippi and back home to Houston, students from Cypress Christian School made a difference in our community and the world this past summer!

Many CCS students served on missions and evangelistic teams throughout the summer. Recently, they shared how they helped to impact the lives of their fellow Americans, as well as those in other countries, by:

- Holding vacation bible schools and religion classes
- Handing out food and clothing
- Praying and sharing the gospel with others
- Performing puppet shows and making balloon animals for children
- Building new homes, painting and repairing old ones
- Visiting orphanages
- Leading worship

When asked to describe their experiences, these students responded, "Amazing," "Humbled," "Useful," "Excited," and "Life Changing." When asked if they would serve again, they enthusiastically replied, "YES!" Also, they highly recommended that others become involved because, as one student commented, "You will never be the same!"

We at Cypress Christian School wholeheartedly support and encourage service to others. In fact, it is part of our mission statement. Whether you are a student or an adult, we believe you will experience much joy by helping to provide for those in need.

A note to parents: Recently, a report was published stating that children who participate in service projects are more likely to volunteer as adults, because they have conquered their fear of the unknown and found joy in serving others. We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to become involved in such worthy endeavors, so that the tradition of service to others will be carried forward to the next generation.

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Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Longwood teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to longwoodletter@peelinc.com by the 9th of the month!

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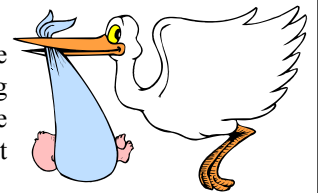


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