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MIDDLE SCHOOLERS MAKE AN IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Master's Academy is developing young leaders with a heart to serve through hands-on outreach at local non-profits.

At Master's Academy, we believe in instilling a heart for service in our students from an early age. One of the ways we do this is through our annual Service Day, a tradition that has been part of our school culture for years. For the second year in a row, our National Honor Society students have taken the lead in coordinating a meaningful day of service for our middle schoolers.

The goal of Service Day is to prepare our students in a developmentally appropriate way to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Head of School, **Dr. Rick Brewer**, emphasized this intent: "At the heart of Master's Academy is a passion to teach our students that leadership begins with service. This annual Community Service Day is emblematic of Master's Mission to '...academically challenge and spiritually develop students to impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.' Going forward service learning will be one of the initiatives integrated throughout specific curriculum tracks."

Beyond fulfilling the service hours required for high school graduation is the hope to instill in them a lifelong spirit of generosity and a desire to serve willingly within their community.

We recognize the vital role that local nonprofits play in supporting our community. Their to-do lists are endless, and their resources are often stretched thin. That's why we are grateful for the opportunity to lend a hand, whether by helping them stay organized, cleaning up their facilities, or assisting with their daily operations.

This year, our middle school students served in a variety of ways:

- **6th Grade:** Students split their time between indoor and outdoor service projects. Outside, they spread mulch and beautified the playgrounds. Inside, they shared Bible readings with kindergarten students, teaching them how Jesus is our Shepherd and guides us to be a light for Christ. They then worked together to build a castle, demonstrating the power of collaboration and creativity in honoring God's gifts.
- **7th Grade:** Students volunteered at **The Buggy Bunch Family Center**, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting mothers and young children. They spent the afternoon cleaning and tidying playrooms where families gather to connect and receive support.
- **8th Grade:** Students worked at **Shining Light Gardens**, a Christian nonprofit farm that donates 100% of its harvested fruits and vegetables to local food pantries and homeless shelters. Our students helped to harvest produce and prepare the fields for the next planting season. In addition to providing fresh food, Shining Light Gardens also grows flowers that volunteers artfully arrange and deliver to hospice patients and nursing home residents, reminding them that they are seen and cared for.

- **7th and 8th Graders** also combined forces to assist with whatever was needed at our local **Salvation Army**, as well as **Little Birthday Angels**. From packing Blessing Bags to wrapping gifts, our students worked hard to bless those who are less fortunate.

Service Day is more than just a one-time event—it's part of our commitment to shaping servant-hearted leaders. We are incredibly proud of our students for embracing this opportunity and for demonstrating kindness, humility, and a willingness to serve others.

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ABOUT MASTER'S ACADEMY of VERO BEACH

Master's Academy is a fully ACSI-accredited private school serving Pre-K through Grade 12 students in the Treasure Coast region of Florida. Since 1998, the school has been committed to spiritually developing and academically challenging students to impact their world for Christ. With a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum and a dedicated, caring faculty, Master's Academy provides a Christ-centered education that equips students for success in college and beyond.
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