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HOW WE CONNECTED

- Many different organizations and local charities presented their organization and their needs
- We all connected with one specific charity
- Each of us expressed our willingness to help Garth House
- We explored other charities as well...



THE DECIDING FACTOR



- We took a tour of Garth House one day and learned a lot
- We fell in love with its mission
- We decided we wanted to do everything we could to help this organization

GARTH HOUSE: THE MISSION



Over sixteen years ago, the incredible need for a Child Advocacy Center in our area, and surrounding communities, was recognized. Through a tremendous community effort involving many different groups and individuals, the dream became a reality. The Garth House opened its door in June of 1991, and has provided a safe and secure environment to interview alleged victims of severe physical and/or sexual abuse. The Garth House, Mickey Mehaffy Children's Advocacy Program was named in memory of former Jefferson County Assistant District Attorney Mickey Mehaffy, recognizing her personal endeavors to enrich the lives of Southeast Texas Children.

Since its opening in 1991, the Garth House has worked with over 11,400 children and their families. The children have a safe home-like environment to tell their stories, which are digitally recorded so investigative agencies can view the DVD's instead of repeatedly questioning the children. Teddy bears, kindness, and smiles surround hurting, sad children. The Garth House also provides counseling to help children and non-offending family members deal with their situation and begin the healing process.

The Garth House is dedicated to breaking the cycle of child abuse one child at a time.

GARTH HOUSE NEEDS

- Garth House presented us with multiple needs
- Garth House is a 501(c)3 (non-profit) organization and relies heavily on donations and volunteers
- Their needs included:
 - Paper/printing material for informational brochures
 - Volunteers to assemble brochures
 - Beautification of campus
 - Toys
 - Books

Y-LSET'S DECISION

- We presented these needs to our Y-LSET schools: Paul Brown, West Brook, and Ozen.
- Y-LSET responded overwhelmingly to the beautification project of the Garth House campus
- Y-LSET also decided a book drive was something they could take under their wing
- One Y-LSET member was very passionate about a toy drive
- Y-LSET was eager to help Garth House, its mission, and the children



BOOK DRIVE

- **Garth House requested books for a special reason**
 - When children come in to get interviewed, books give them something to do while they wait their turn
- **Our team made book drive flyers to hand out at the BISD Martin Luther King Jr. parade**
- **We hoped to raise awareness for the book drive**
- **Our Y-LSET schools collected the books**
- **The results were staggering!**



RESULTS

Approximately
3,000 books
were collected
and presented
to Garth House

TOY DRIVE

- One of our Y-LSET members was actually helped by the Garth House as a child
- She decided that a toy drive was important to those children who were waiting to be interviewed
- She said that toys “gave the children something to hold” while they waited their turn to give their stories
- The toy drive presented impressive results



RESULTS

Paul Brown
collected over
150 toys for the
Garth House

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

- **Garth House's campus needed some sprucing up**
 - Weathered benches needed sanding and re-staining
 - Dying flowers needed to be dug up and replaced
 - New landscaping was needed
 - The fences needed pressure washing
- **On Saturday, March 24 at 7 a.m., Garth House Guardians got to work!**
- **We completed all the tasks Garth House charged us with**
- **Y-LSET played a HUGE role and stepped up to the plate**
- **The results were BEAUTIFUL!**





TASK #1
LSET and
Y-LSET team
sanding and
staining
benches



TASK #2

Digging up
dying flowers
and planting
new ones,
along with new
bushes



TASK #3

Power washing
and cleaning
up around the
campus

END RESULTS

- **This beautification project was a huge undertaking**
- **With the help of Y-LSET, this project was completed in under 4 hours**
- **The Garth House was so appreciative of all the hard work**
- **Garth House representatives said the campus never looked better!**



THE
GARTH HOUSE
MURRAY METCALFE
CHILDREN'S
RECREATION PROGRAM

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

