



Seeds That Change

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MISSION DFW – JHS

One of the Mission Endowment Fund grants this year was awarded to Briarwood Retreat Ministries for their Mission DFW–JHS event. This group of 15 junior high students from several ELCA congregations in the Metroplex gathered at Briarwood July 5-10.

Each day the campers and their two counselors participated in various camp activities as well as service projects. On Monday, they traveled to Resurrecton, Plano and assembled backpacks for needy children. Tuesday, they journeyed to Waco to work on an organic farm. Wednesday, they made sandwiches for the homeless in Fort Worth but due to a storm the distribution was postponed. On Thursday after distributing the sandwiches and water to the homeless, they played bingo with a group of physically and mentally challenged adults. The campers shared their reactions to the event and we want to share some of them with you:

“This camp was an absolute blessing to have been able to experience. Giving back to the less fortunate was what influenced me the most.”

“This showed me that everyone can help even if we are just kids and you can touch the lives around you with a single heartbeat.”

“So many people are in need of help and spreading the Word of God is FANTASTIC, TERRIFIC, GROOVY!”

“All the smiles I saw this week really influenced me the most because all the people that had trouble still had enough happiness in them to smile.”

Thank you to all those who donate to the Mission Endowment Fund and therefore make it possible for the Board to give grants for ministry like MissionDFW-JHS!

**Reserve the Date for the
2015 “Seeds That Change” Dinner/Fund Raiser
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Santa Maria Lutheran Church, Irving
Hosted by the Hispanic Conference of NT-NL Mission Area
Please consider a donation for the silent/live auction!!!**