JCMGA Volunteer Opportunity Spotlight:
Taco Fest at Sloss Furnace

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Taco Fest held at the iconic Sloss Furnace on May 7, 2023, was an unforgettable volunteer experience! To paint a picture of the incredible day JCMGA had, first, let's talk about the excitement buzzing around JVTF's Kid's activities.

The photo below shows young ones engaging in a delightful flower and herb dyeing activity. Their faces lit up with joy as they transformed plain handkerchiefs into vibrant works of art. It was a heartwarming sight to see their creativity and curiosity flourish.

But the festivities didn't stop there! The photo to the left showcases an overflow of tomato and pepper plants generously donated by Cedar Creek Nursery. Our dedicated volunteers, Missy, Hilda, Bernard, and Bunny, worked tirelessly to distribute over 300 plants to eager attendees.

Of course, we didn't just hand out plants; we ensured everyone had the knowledge and tools to cultivate their own edible gardens. Our team distributed planting instructions for tomatoes and peppers, ensuring that each recipient had the guidance they needed to nurture their plants to success. The enthusiasm in their eyes was contagious as they eagerly soaked up the information and envisioned the bountiful harvests to come.

Taco Fest at Sloss Furnace was more than just a celebration of food; it was an outreach event that touched the lives of many. Throughout the day, we made a staggering 420 contacts. That's 420 opportunities to connect, inspire, and spread the message of community engagement and empowerment. From enthusiastic food lovers to curious passersby, we engaged with individuals from all walks of life, igniting their passion for making a difference.

The energy and enthusiasm of our volunteers were truly infectious. Together, we created an experience that blended culinary delights with a deep sense of purpose. By providing hands-on activities for kids, sharing plant donations, and making meaningful connections, we left a lasting impression on the community.