



District Two Service Newsletter September 2021

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Altrusa District Two covers Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and New York.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR DISTRICT??

ASTRA - Richmond, VA

Cindy Jennings, of Altrusa International of Richmond VA, presents two of the ASTRA students their ASTRA cords for graduation. This was at the Hanover Adult Center in Mechanicsville, VA with members from Altrusa International of Richmond, VA for a service project. Hanover Adult Center is a facility that provides adult day health services to adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities so their loved ones can work. They provide structured activities such as music, crafts, exercise & educational programs. They also assist with care management & emotional support and offer welcomed respite for caregivers.



Martinsville/Henry County

Altrusa International of Martinsville/Henry County, VA continues with its commitment to community service as we emerge from virtual to in-person meetings and service opportunities, while still following recommended safety precautions. We participated in several service projects during the last quarter.

The local chapter partnered with Smart Beginnings of Martinsville-Henry, an agency that serves area children from birth to age 5 and their parents, by honoring day care and preschool workers for their dedicated work during these difficult times. We placed signs at 20 different daycare facilities in the area that said: "Altrusa support the heroes that work here."

As we continued with our support of the Days for Girls initiative, we learned that girls in Nicaragua needed panties. We were able to send over 500 panties to the Days for Girls Resource Shop in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The local chapter also partnered with the First Baptist Church of Martinsville with an initiative, "Undies Sundays", in July in which underwear (panties, undershirts, socks, bras) were collected for school children. The underwear items collected were donated to Piedmont Community Services for distribution to local children in need.

As we emerged from shut-down at a local crisis center, Grace Network, members helped to restore the waiting room for clients. Members cleaned and sanitized the room, which had not been used in over a year. The clean-up left a warm and welcoming area for clients to wait while maintaining the recommended distance between seats.

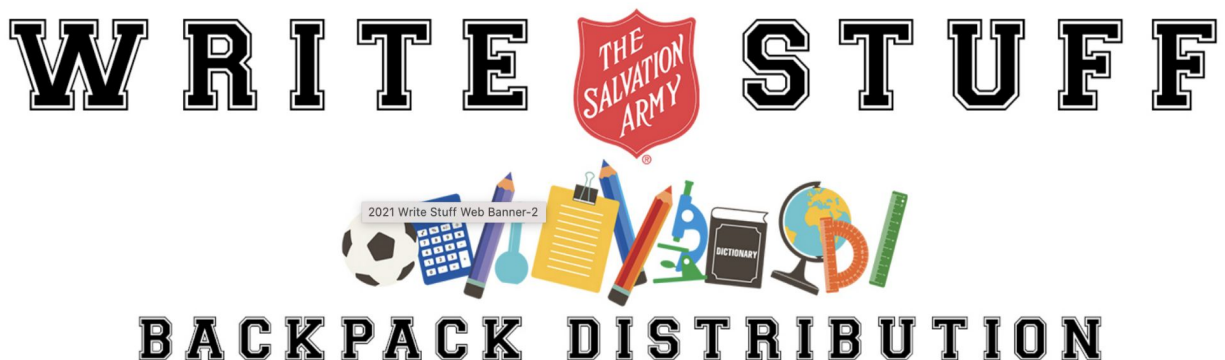
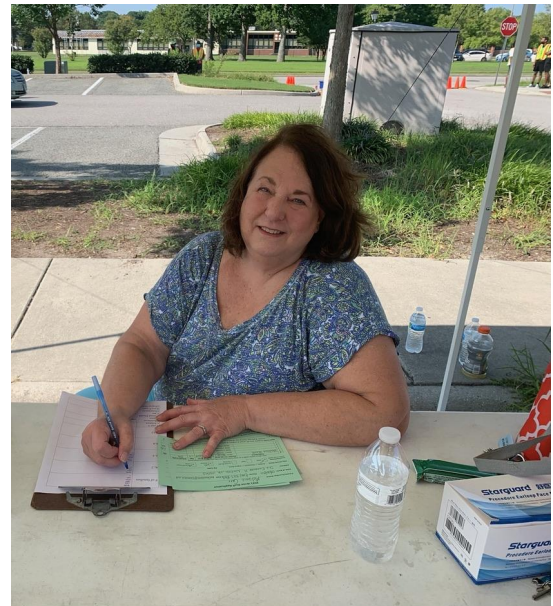
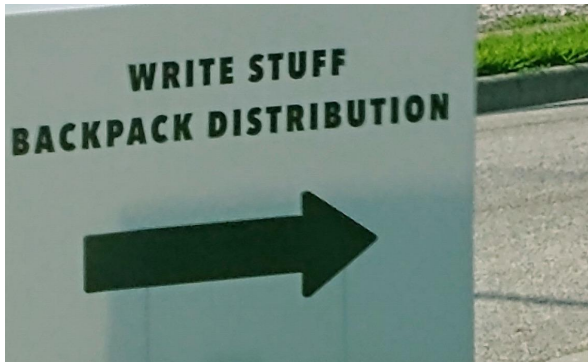


Altrusa of Richmond, VA's annual School Supply Shower donates all school supplies Skipwith Elementary School.

Richmond



Several Tidewater members supported the Salvation Army in distributing backpacks and school supplies for the Write Stuff Campaign in August.



Centre County, PA

You are a non-profit home (Centre Safe) for abused women and their families. Money is tight. How could Altrusa Centre County help to brighten your day?

We made over 30 Birthday Boxes! Each box contained a birthday hat, streamer, mug, mug dessert, balloons, and a card. They are now well-stocked for the future. Just a little something to acknowledge and celebrate a milestone despite challenging circumstances.



Centre County, PA

On a hot Saturday morning in June, a few members from Altrusa Centre County joined others in planting the new pollinator garden at the Penn State Arboretum. Over 9,000 plants were planted.



In June we had our annual Patriotic food drive benefiting the State College Food Bank, Faith Centre Food bank, and PAWS. We collected over 1000 pounds of food, several hundred pounds of pet food, and over \$700 in cash and checks.



We worked on a letter writing campaign, along with collecting retired American Flags. for the organization called "A Soldiers Hands".

The goal was to send handwritten letters, and one star, cut painstakingly from each flag and placed in the envelope along with a handwritten letter to each of the 50,000 troops stationed in Germany. We reached out to our community, asking family, neighbors, and school children to get involved and help us with this heartwarming and important project.



In August we collected much needed items for "Out in the Cold State College". This is a community service organization that offers services to people experiencing homelessness, by providing shelter, food, and support services.





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Submission due dates: the first of August, November, February, and May.

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