

# Love in Action

## Cottage Bay Summer Ministry



Volunteers served lunches every Monday and Thursday ...even on July 4th!



On Mondays, the activity time included reading and being read to...choosing new books to take home...creative chalk drawing... bubbles... tossing the football... games...and just easy conversation.



An exciting new ministry served the children of Cottage Bay Apartments this summer! Karen Sansgaard, SLC member and an Esquire Hills Elementary School teacher, has a passion for her students and their families. During the summer, low-income children who normally receive breakfast & lunch at school and then maybe Backpacks 4 Kids meals on the weekends, all of a sudden do not have those resources. When realizing the food insufficiency that happens over the summer months, Karen led an effort to provide sack lunches two days a week for the Cottage Bay Apartment children, all of whom attend Esquire Hills. A healthy lunch was followed by a fun activity time of reading/games/bubbles/crafts.

Over 40 volunteers from Silverdale Lutheran and the Esquire Hills staff participated in preparing & serving lunches, the activities, food shopping, training & filling out state mandated paperwork. Funding for the lunches was provided by Washington State. Kitsap Harvest provided some fresh produce. A SLC summer brunch and individual donations supported the activity time.



Our intentional presence truly changed the culture of this community over the summer, all for the good... overflowing love...healthy food...connecting with smiles...listening and sharing...students seeing teachers...all changed the dynamics between children and among families....strengthening relationships. God was indeed at work through us! *Thank you, Karen & all the amazing volunteers, for making a difference at Cottage Bay!*

Each day, a volunteer with a "Try Me" bowl passed around pieces of a unique fruit or vegetable for the children to "try"... helping them explore various healthy tastes and textures.



The lunches were prepared in the Fellowship Hall kitchen and then transported over to the apartment complex to be served.



On Thursdays, the activity time was a special craft ...like bubble pictures, painting sun catchers or working with beads.



The children loved engaging with caring folks each week!



Crystal Olp decided to also organize the sharing of groceries each Thursday... and on the last day gave out school supplies. Backpacks 4 Kids supported this effort with donations.



Our youngest faithful volunteer with a servant heart!



God's work. Our hands.