

DHS News

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DHS wraps up a busy summer

From a record number of interns to generous donations, the summer months were full of activity at DHS.

Nearly 50 interns joined the DHS team this summer, working in both program and support offices around the Department. For the first time DHS welcomed several interns who served off-site at Neighborhood Legal Services as well as in the Public Defender's Office.

Community support was also plentiful over the summer months, making it a time to remember for local youth. The Carnegie Science Center combined learning and fun at twenty Summer Food sites through "Grand Slam Science" Science on the Road, an interactive show that taught youth the physics behind America's favorite past time. Approximately 1,000 youth participated in this unique program, which was funded through Pirates Charities and Chevron and provided free to the sites.

Summer Food participants also again received reading materials through the Summer Books program. Books were donated by county employees; DHS employees; and several organizations (Allegheny County Library Association, Half Priced Books, Need Knots Giving Circle, and the Pajama Program) and were distributed to more than 3,000 children.

CentiMark ensured that students would be prepared for the school year by donating school supplies and more than 1000 backpacks to children served by the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF). They also provided several hundred youth with \$50 gift cards to Famous Footwear and \$25 gift cards to Target to get additional back to school essentials.

Additionally, Trau & Loevner provided 40 boxes of t-shirts, sweatshirts and other apparel, which was distributed to the regional offices and through homeless services.

The Department of Human Services is extremely thankful for the individuals and organizations who contribute time and resources to support the residents of Allegheny County.