

Donations make the summer and school year bright for local youth

Thanks to generous donations from community members, the 2017 summer and school year will be a time to remember for local youth.

The Carnegie Science Center provided a day of fun to twenty-five of 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.

Many Summer Food participants also received reading materials through the Summer Books program. The books and comic books, donated by county employees; DHS employees; and several organizations (Allegheny County Library Association, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, Computer Aid Inc., Half Priced Books, Lambda Pi Eta at Duquesne University, Need Knots Giving Circle, and the Pajama Program), were distributed to more than 4,000 children.

CentiMark ensured that students would be prepared for the school year by donating 700 school supply kits and 600 backpacks to children served by the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF). Youth also received gift cards to Famous Footwear and Target to get additional back to school essentials.

In the same generous spirit, the City Co Federal Credit Union organized a drive to collect school supplies, including crayons, pens and glue sticks. The Credit Union also provided a cash donation to support back to school needs.

The Department of Human Services is extremely thankful for all of the individuals and organizations who contribute to the success and happiness of local youth.