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TOGETHER

HUNTER HELPING WHERE HE CAN

UMFS Charterhouse School student Hunter loves to lend a helping hand, which is one of many reasons he was so fond of his internship with the UMFS maintenance team. Hunter earned his internship through the Charterhouse School Applied Curriculum Program, and each week his peers and UMFS staff alike looked forward to Hunter's golf cart and trailer showing up at their door to collect recycling.

But when schools closed, Hunter's internship came to an abrupt halt. The situation, however, would not deter

this young man's intrepid initiative, and he decided to take his talents to the streets of his own neighborhood. "When I got home from a meeting this morning, Hunter had his UMFS work shirt on," said Hunter's mother, who snapped the photo. "He said he was going to clean our road since he couldn't recycle at UMFS."

Hunter sets an incredible example and reminds us that adaptability, flexibility, and resiliency can help guide us through even the most uncertain situations. ●



AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EASTER

With Easter quickly approaching, staff at the UMFS Child & Family Healing Center (CFHC) and Leland House were racking their brains. How could they provide a proper celebration in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis? Off-campus activities were on hold and no visitors were allowed on campus. Direct-care staff were stuck, and residents were understandably discouraged.

Then the phone rang. "I couldn't believe it," said CFHC Administrative Services Manager Sara Barrille, who fielded the call. On the line was Pam Jackowski, General Manager at World Market in Short Pump. She was offering to



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donate her store's entire Easter Inventory.

"It warms our hearts," Pam said. "And World Market is so happy that children and families get to be on the receiving end of something like this."

Sheena Lyle, Program Director for CFHC, said the gift was both incredible and timely. "We're so grateful," she said. "The donation provides Easter treats to all of our incredible staff and residents at both CFHC in Richmond and Leland House in Fairfax." ●

A DELICIOUS DONATION

Longtime UMFS donor and Leadership Coach Nancy Eberhardt knows that children, teens, and families served by UMFS are well cared for. “I have a lot of trust in the employees, and I really believe in the leadership,” she said.

So when an opportunity to support frontline staff during the COVID-19 crisis presented itself, Nancy gladly

doubled down with a \$1,000 gift to purchase meals from local restaurants for staff at UMFS Leland House in Fairfax.

“They deserve to get the love and care they need during this difficult situation,” Nancy said of the direct-care workers at the short-term crisis stabilization home for youth.

Leland House Program Director Marie Thomas said the meals were a thoughtful treat. “We fed about 15 staff for six consecutive Fridays,” Marie said. “Nancy’s donation also allowed us to support local restaurants. It really shows just how thoughtful people are, and it certainly lifted our spirits.” ●



TURNING PAGES FROM A DISTANCE

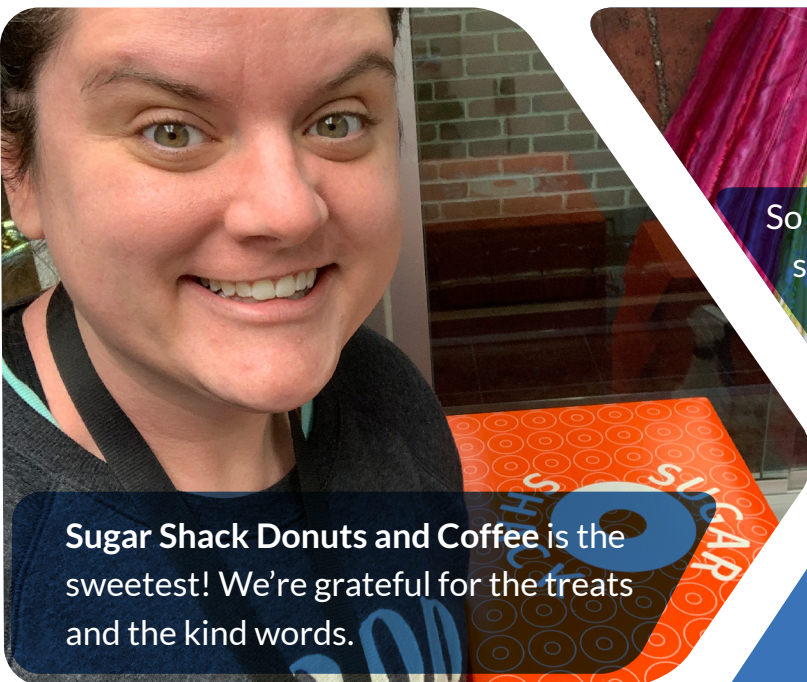
Creativity, innovation, and good old-fashioned A+ work is occurring in every corner of the #UMFSCommunity. At UMFS Charterhouse School in Edinburg, for example, English teacher George Merryman introduced a way to reach students in their homes without being physically present.

Because of your generous donations, Mr. Merryman was able to put his plan into action. “We will purchase each student one book at a time and have it shipped directly to their home.”

Mr. Merryman challenged students to keep a reading log, and when they complete a book, they can request another.

George also had an innovation in 2018, when he collaborated to bring a brand new library to the school. Alongside his father, they put their carpentry skills to use to build the bookshelves, and George worked with local donors and community partners to collect and catalog the books and make the concept a reality. ●





Sugar Shack Donuts and Coffee is the sweetest! We're grateful for the treats and the kind words.



So many amazing masks to keep our staff safe, thanks to crafty and kind donors and volunteers from across Virginia.



Lowe's thoughtful gift of cleaning supplies was anything but a drop in the bucket!



Anthem's Jennie (UMFS board member) and Tiffany dropped off this awesome gift of backpacks and food for youth at UMFS.



THANK YOU

To all of our incredible donors, volunteers, and community partners for supporting us during this challenging time.



The Stories Continue Online

Your support has been phenomenal! Join us at UMFS.org/Together for even more stories and photos celebrating the generosity of donors and volunteers.

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Your kind words and handwritten cards of encouragement resulted in big smiles from the frontline staff you are supporting.