

Dear Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers Association,

On behalf of Collingwood Presbyterian Church's Youth Group, I would like to thank you for giving our youth group the opportunity to experience a mission trip this year.

This year eight students and two chaperones went to Cincinnati, OH and Melbourne, KY, for two days of mission work. We started at the Giving Fields located in Melbourne, Kentucky. They provide fresh produce to the Northern Kentucky food pantries, soup kitchens, and other agencies that provide emergency food. We checked in with our farm manager, Molly Jordan and went to work. We planted several rows of vegetables and weeded, weeded and weeded. It was a great experience for our urban youth to get hands on experience in growing food.

That evening we explored the family friendly riverfront of Cincinnati. While downtown we could see the need to help the many homeless people on the streets. Sunday morning we made over 100 sandwiches to pass out to the homeless in downtown Cincinnati. They were all very grateful for the food and suntan lotion. Yes, suntan lotion! This made a big impact on the students when they realized that the simplest things that we take for granted mean so much to others. There was a collective sigh in our van after we gave suntan lotion to a pregnant homeless lady who had clearly been in the sun too long. After having such a great response from those in need, we have decided to continue passing out sandwiches back home in Toledo once a month through our youth group.

We attended service at the Carmel Presbyterian Church before heading out to have some fun at Coney Island. We want to thank Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers Association for making this trip possible. Previously, your donation allowed us to go on a mission trip to Niagara Falls, NY. The students still talk about what an amazing trip that was. The mission project, providing a meal, music and a message to a homeless shelter, was unforgettable!

Thank you again for this opportunity. Your donation provides experiences that will shape our youth into becoming caring, responsible adults that will someday be able to do the same for youth of the next generation.

Blessings,

Christine Palmer
Pastor of Education



