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2016 Impact Mid-Tidewater Huge Success Because of You!

Impact Mid-Tidewater Phase 1 has come and gone. According to the feedback we have received, the Impact partnership with the Baptist General Association of Virginia was a huge success. But, it takes way more than one or two persons or even one or two committees to make something like Impact Mid-Tidewater successful. It took over a thousand people contributing in many different ways to make this effort work. To those people I want to say "Thank you and God bless you for serving with such a generous and sweet spirit". I also want our association to know who some of those people are who were so important to the Impact project. So please take the time to read the list below and when you have the opportunity let them know how much you appreciate their contribution to Impact Mid-Tidewater.

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Harmony Grove, Providing Sleep & Shower Space

Urbanna BC, Providing the Thursday night meal

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◆ *Eniko Jordan, Gwynn's Island BC*

◆ *Tammy Faulkner, Macedonia BC*

◆ *Pearl Sadler, Spring Hill BC*

◆ *Penny Lawson, Westville BC*

◆ *Cannie Hull, Newington BC*

◆ *June Williams, Pat McNamee, Urbanna BC*

◆ *Carol Saunders, Beech Grove BC*

◆ *Wayne Nuttall, Beulah BC*

◆ *Walt McKibbin, New Freedom Congregation*

◆ *Callie Jo Revere, Harmony Grove BC*

◆ *Gail Smith, First Baptist of Harmony Village*

◆ *Leonard Edloe, New Hope Fellowship*

◆ *Janet Cartwright, Saluda BC*

◆ *Sylvia Barden, Zoar BC*

◆ *Pat Brooks, Hermitage BC*

◆ *Jane Wyatt, Brington BC*

◆ *Diane Freeman, Glebe Landing BC*

◆ *Alice Kemp, St. Stephens BC*

◆ *Elaine McDuff, Poroporone BC*

◆ *Charlotte Duff, Mattaponi BC*

◆ *Billie Spence, New Hope Memorial BC*

◆ *Nancy Nuttall, Olivet BC*

◆ *Nancy Hazzard, Lower King & Queen BC*

The many financial gifts given by the members of the following MTBA churches:

◆ *Beech Grove*

◆ *Beulah*

◆ *Brington*

◆ *First Baptist of Harmony Village*

◆ *Glebe Landing*

◆ *Gwynn's Island*

◆ *Harmony Grove*

◆ *Hermitage*

◆ *La Iglesia Bautista El Camino*

◆ *Lower King & Queen*

◆ *Macedonia*

◆ *Mathews*

◆ *Mattaponi*

◆ *New Freedom Congregation*

◆ *New Hope Fellowship*

◆ *New Hope Memorial*

◆ *Newington*

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◆ *Poroporone*

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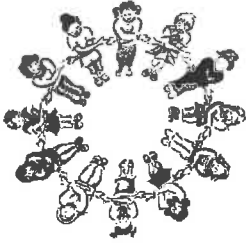
◆ *Westville*

◆ *Zoar*





Reflections from Betty Kennon,
Coordinator for Hub Feeding Teams



I want to begin by saying “Thank you” from the bottom of my heart to our Feeding Hub leaders. You did an extraordinarily superb job! Eloise Mallon at Mathews, Cannie Hull at Newington, Callie Jo Revere and Helen Williams at Harmony Grove, Pat Brooks at Hermitage and Elaine McDuff at Poroporone worked hard to insure that each Feeding Hub had plenty of volunteers and all the volunteers were informed and prepared to carry out their tasks. It could not have been better. They and their teams were just fabulous.

I also want to thank Dr. Leonard Edloe, Pastor of New Hope Fellowship, who was instrumental in purchasing 625 bags of chips, fruit cups, puddings, nabs, over 1,000 bottles of Gatorade, condiments for sandwiches and hot dogs, plastic ware, napkins, and packets of drink mixes for water, all at a significant discount for the MTBA. It was a huge shopping list that took several trips for Dr. Edloe to complete. He said he had plenty of experience shopping and he delivered all of the goods on time and ready to go.

The Feeding Hubs provided many opportunities for the volunteers to fellowship and share with one another. I could see firsthand how much the people of our different MTBA churches enjoyed working together. There was laughter, conversations, and the creating of new friendships. So many different people said to me, “Let’s do this again!” I never felt at any point in time during the week that anyone was not having a good time. It’s a blessing to have the chance to work alongside so many good spirited people. It was a week of love and for making new Christian friends.

On my way home Friday, I stopped by one of the work sites, Ms. Bertha’s. When she saw me talking with some of the workers, she came outside to say hello. She was so excited about what the youth workers had accomplished during the week. “Look at all they have done”, she said, “they have even built me a stoop with hand rails on each side.” She could not say enough about the workers and knew everyone by name.

There are so many who deserve a heartfelt thank you. I want to just add two others to that long list. Thank you to Urbanna Baptist Church, (Pastor Jonathan Davis, Eli Davis, Don McNamee, Annette Greenwood, Garth & Patty Wheeler, Shirley Jean Brown, Sarah Westfall, and Michelle Call), for preparing and serving the Thursday night Impact fellowship meal at Harmony Grove Baptist Church, who provided the drink station. I also want to thank Horizon Trust for providing the food for that Impact Fellowship meal. The homemade barbeque was simply delicious and the students and adults just loved it. The meal was one of the highlights of the week for some of the Impact team members.

Finally, I want to extend a big thank you to Penny Lawson of Westville BC. She volunteered to write over 100 thank you notes on behalf of the MTBA to express our love and appreciation to those who served so graciously in the hot sun during Impact week. Each note had a special message conveying how special they are to us and we thank the Lord for sending them our way.

I want to give glory and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for this wonderful week of love and meeting new people. Thank you MTBA family for giving me the opportunity to be involved in this year’s Impact at a new level. It has been such a blessing to me. I know that each of us would gladly do it again.

Thank you,

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Impact Reflections by Tammy Faulkner

It is Amazing that the MTBA is a piece of a puzzle that completes the picture of a State-wide Baptist Mission project that is coordinated for youth and adult mentors and leaders as a summer activity. Our piece of the puzzle could be broken down into smaller pieces that come together before being fitted into the larger picture. The MTBA had a working Community Ministries Action Group Committee that organized the lodging, materials/supplies, and feeding of the youth and adults who choose to come to our area rather than other areas of the state, to perform manual labor as a mission project repairing homes. I was uplifted by Betty Kennon's enthusiasm and for Eddie's idea of Church Hubs preparing the daily lunches. I enjoyed working with Betty, as well as the other committee members and volunteers I met during the event.

The Hub idea was a way to get us serving, working together, and sharing. Sometimes it can be hard to choose which volunteer adventure to dive into so that you don't find yourself getting burned out. The comments I heard were that it was good to work together as a group. It allowed taking on a smaller activity involving people with various levels of talents and strengths for the greater completion of the bigger task as well as fellowshiping with people you see around town, but do not necessarily worship with. That was a wonderful way to see that we are like-minded and want to present Christian values to the community.

My pre-teen niece, Lannah Callis, and nephew, Rylee Callis, were curious about what I kept talking about in church and asked to go with an adult driver to serve lunch. Their mom tells me they returned home full of chatter about their work with the hub and how much they enjoyed it. This is the generation who will teach the next generation as we are teaching them. Let us do a good job. Let us help them see the completed puzzle, as well as the small pieces that make up the bigger puzzle. Let us not become faint in heart and spirit, but look to the Lord for guidance to see what we can do. Let us have strength to do what we believe we can do, and wisdom to know when and what projects to pursue so that we can become answers to someone's prayer like Impact 2016 was for the Mid-Tidewater Area.

One person cannot do everything, but as a group maybe we can achieve the impossible. Everyone who either thought about the project and prayed, contributed funding, and/or performed a task is why the event was successful. There will be things we need to learn to do better, but support from MTBA members is not one of them. Let us keep the service spirit strong as we plan to work toward creating mini-mission projects throughout the next year to serve those who were on the Home Repair Request List, but were not chosen for this event. Again thank you for your support and fellowship.

Tammy Faulkner
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