

Cornerstone Christian Academy FCCLA

Presents
Helping All the Hans and Ettas

Turning a traumatic event ...



Into a positive outreach project

Helping Hans & Etta Tores



Supporting our first responders

Cornerstone Christian Academy of Appomattox

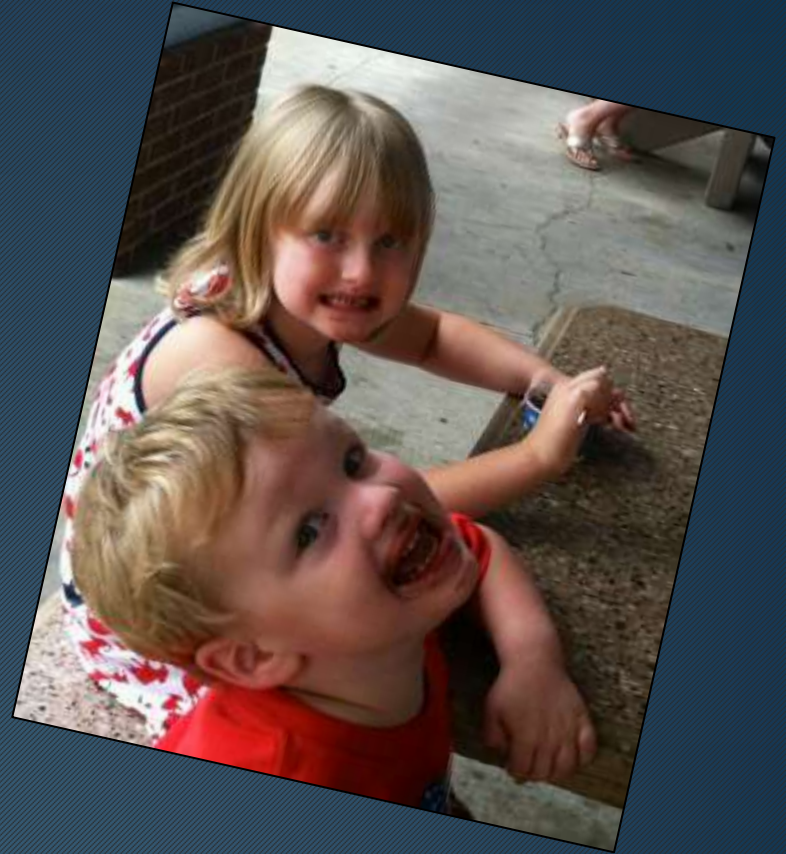
Cornerstone Christian Academy PTF

Appomattox Woman's Club

Appomattox Junior Woman's Club

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On July 4, 2014, our adviser's son was hit by a truck and paralyzed. She, her husband, daughter, and young grandchildren were at the scene of the accident. The children remained in the air-conditioned van as emergency personnel helped our adviser's son and as the adults ran between staying with her son and checking on the little ones.



FCCLA Officers came up with a plan to help young children like Etta and Hans who might find themselves sitting at an accident scene or in a vehicle stopped for a citation.





FCCLA Planning Process



IDENTIFY CONCERNS



Members of Cornerstone Christian Academy FCCLA wanted to reach out to young children who might find themselves at accident scenes or in vehicles that have been stopped for moving violations.

SET A GOAL



We wanted to offer support to first responders by providing them with totes containing food and activities for young children.

FORM A PLAN (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, COST, RESOURCES, AND EVALUATION)



Timeline:

September – Determine cost of totes. Seek sources of funding for tote bags for Helping Hans & Etta project. Write grant to Virginia FCCLA Leadership Foundation. Contact local groups such as Cornerstone Christian Academy PTF and Women's Clubs. Contact local first responders with idea and ask for participation in project.

October – Design totes. Begin seeking community partners to help provide items for totes.

January – Continue with efforts to fill totes. Use personal and school Facebook, visit local businesses, send letters to school families.

February – Fill totes with donated items. Publicize – paper, Facebook, email. Deliver items to local first responders including Appomattox County Sheriff's Office, 3rd Division of State Police, Appomattox Rescue Squad, DRT Ambulance Service.

March – Continue to seek funding by writing grant to Wal-Mart Foundation so that project can be sustainable.

ACT



Cornerstone Christian Academy FCCLA members put into action the plans for *The Helping Hans & Etta Totes*.

FOLLOW UP



Provided over 150 totes filled with food and activity items for over 600 children. Created and gave Certificates of Appreciation to helping organizations. Sent email to parents thanking them for their support.

Publicized project in local papers, on State Police website, on FCCLA Facebook page, and on school Facebook page.

Virginia FCCLA Leadership Foundation
2014-2015 Mini-Grant Application

Answer the following questions:	Enter your responses below
1. Name of School	Cornerstone Christian Academy
2. Complete Address	PO Box 897 169 Police Tower Road Appomattox
3. Name and Title of FCCLA Adviser	Mrs. Marcie Jones Headmistress
4. E-mail of Adviser	marciesjones@gmail.com
5. School Phone and FAX Numbers	Phone: (434) 352-2345 F
6. School's Federal ID Number	20-8815319
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Counties/Cities to be Served by Project	Appomattox, Augusta, Albemarle, Greene, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Amherst, Campbell Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Halifax, and Cha
8. Describe the activities planned for the mini-grant. Be sure to include the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the selected national program?	Leadership Service in Action





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Dr. Geoffrey Hubler, Principal Marcie S. Jones, Headmistress



January 22, 2015

Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware, my middle son, Hunter, was involved in an accident this past summer and was paralyzed. At the time, we did not know whether Hunter would survive. I was the only witness to the accident, so was there from the beginning. My daughter happened upon the scene with her youngest and I called my husband, who had our other two grandchildren, to come as quickly as possible.

As we stayed with Hunter and waited for the rescue vehicles and eventually Pegasus, my grandchildren Bta, Hans, and Sebastian sat in the carseats in their van. While the air conditioning was on and their favorite music was playing, they still sat with wide eyes as all the activity went on outside their van windows. My daughter, husband, and I all went between the children and Hunter trying to keep things as normal as possible for the little ones, given the conditions. It was a day not to be forgotten.

The Cornerstone Christian Academy Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), of which I am adviser, developed a project to help our first responders reach out to children who may inadvertently be witnesses to accidents and unable to leave the confines of the vehicle or who may be in vehicles that have been stopped for vehicular citations. These little ones are often frightened and confused and in need of reassurance not only from parents, but also from first responders. In order to try to help those who are first on the scene, we wrote and received a grant for tote bags that will hold items that our officers or rescue squad personnel will be able to give to the children. We also received support for the purchase of the bags from the Appomattox Woman's Club, the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, Tahirtznow, and the CCA PTF. Several community groups have volunteered to help fill the totes, however, more help will be needed to put supplies for four children in each bag.

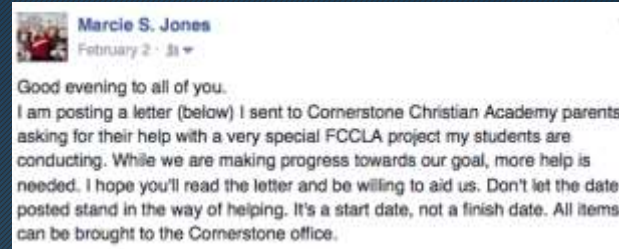
CCA FCCLA is asking for your help. Since we are serving first responders in the Third Division of the Virginia State Police, the Appomattox Sheriff's Department, willing to help out, please send in any of the mid-February.

Thank you for your help with this project.

Marcie Jones

Help

- Cheese crackers in snack size packages
- Rain granola bars (we're trying to avoid juice boxes)
- Small coloring books or activity pads
- Small packs of crayons
- Other small items a child may enjoy play





Update on Helping Hans & Etta Totes

I am very excited to report that Texas Roadhouse in Lynchburg has committed a case of crayons for the Helping Hand & Etta Totes. Thank you so much to Managing Partner Travis McCauley for his generous support for this outreach project. We are providing totes for state troopers in 13 different counties as well as for the Appomattox Sheriff's Department and other county first responders. Thanks to Evelyn Ford, Dianne Braford, and Sandra Sykes Doss for their generous donations for these totes. Their contributions have helped bolster those given by Cornerstone Christian Academy parents. CCA FCCLA appreciates your contributions and prayers as we strive to meet our goal of





Thank You



Virginia FCCLA Leadership Foundation
for supporting
Helping Hans & Etta Totes

Comfort-filled totes aim to calm children at crime, crash scenes

Posted: Saturday, February 14, 2015 9:37 pm

Katrina Kucenic

A new program at Cornerstone Christian Academy in Appomattox might help alleviate stress and soothe young nerves when authorities respond to an accident involving children.

About a dozen students in the school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America club system-wide traveled through the cafeteria Thursday morning, filling beige totes with crackers, juice pouches, fruit snacks, granola bars and games. When filled, the bags will be placed in every trooper car in the Virginia State Police Third Division, which covers 15 counties, including Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell and Nelson, so troopers can give them to children at a variety of scenes to help calm them.

"It has the potential to help a lot of little ones and let our children know our police and first responders are there to help them," said Marcie Jones, the school's headmistress and the club's advisor.

The bags will also be given to the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office and other first responders in the county, including rescue squads. Between 180 and 190 bags will be made overall and presented to the organizations this week.

Extra supplies are being collected so the bags can be restocked once they start to run low.

"I would like to keep this going as long as we can because the need will always be there," Jones said.

About 100 bags are completed now, but more activities — such as coloring books, crayons, stickers and Slinkys — are needed to fill the remaining bags.

include in the bags, focusing on things that would keep kids, while adults handle potentially tense situations. There is no set their distribution is up to the discretion of the first responder.

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to community organizations and churches to secure donations at as shared the project through social media and with area.

businesses. The school has received boxes of snacks, bags of activities and monetary donations, as well as grants to support the program.

Jones said she's very appreciative of the donations.

"It helps support people who come to our rescue," she said. "It's a way to say, 'We appreciate you and let us help you, at least with this little piece!'"

Lt. David Cooper, with the Virginia State Police Appomattox Division, said he thought the project was a great idea when he heard about it several months ago.

"I was impressed that a small school like that would help the community and involve local law enforcement in it," he said.

Officers occasionally give out donated bears and quilts to help set children at ease and relieve anxiety, but this is the first program in this area to provide these items, Cooper said.

"It's something the children, but more so the parents, would truly appreciate," he said.

Cooper said the totes also provide a positive impression of police and first responders, "We don't want kids to be afraid of us," he said.

Jones looked around her office at the rows of filled bags on Thursday and smiled.

"It is pretty amazing, though, to see it come to fruition," she said.

Justin Cummings, a senior at the school and the chapter president, said the outflow of contributions has been overwhelming.

"I think people sympathize, and that's why we're seeing an amount of an outpouring of support," he said.

The students said they hope the support continues so the program can be sustainable.

"It's not just short term," said Cameron Shooter, a ninth-grader at the school and the chapter's state representative. "We didn't want to just do it and drop it. We want to keep it going."

Jane Hubler, a junior at the school and the chapter's vice president, said she also hopes other communities and schools pick up the program.

Cummings said he still recalls a moment from his childhood when he was petrified during a routine traffic stop of his parents' car.

"I think if the police officer had given me fruit snacks, I would have been much calmer," he said.



Max Oden

Cameron Shorter, left, and Jane Hubler, left, of the FCCLA at Cornerstone Christian Academy, pack tote bags full of supplies last week in Appomattox.

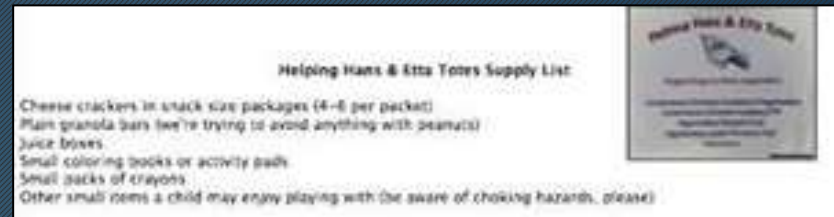
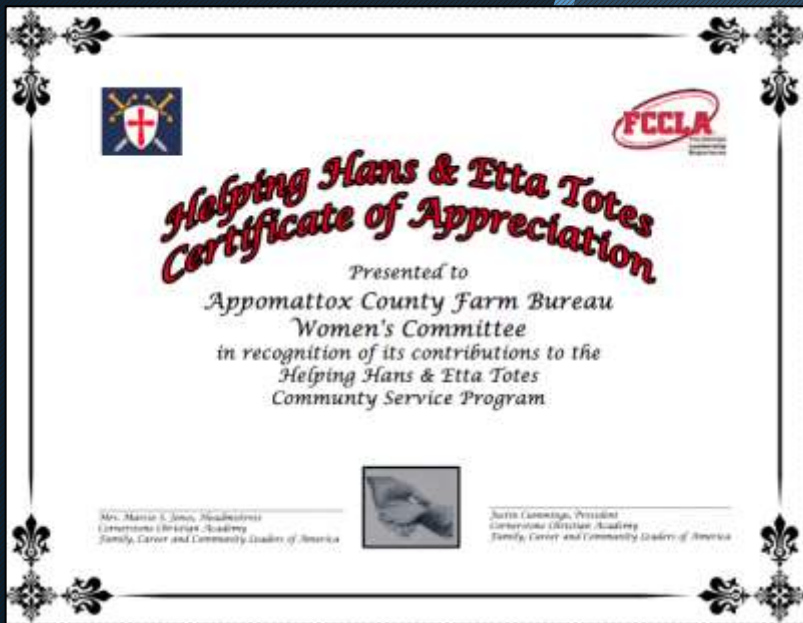


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March 2 at 8:00pm · 🌐

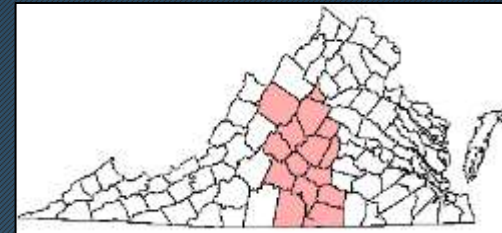
Cornerstone Christian Academy #FCCLA members in Appomattox filled tote bags for distribution to over 180 first responders in fifteen VA counties. Each bag included crackers/granola bars, juice boxes, and activity books or toys for four children per tote. The CCA chapter has been working on this Leadership Service in Action project all year, and it will provide comfort to lots of kids!







Cornerstone Christian Academy
FCCLA Members distribute totes to
first responders in fifteen Virginia
counties.



In Summary: Cornerstone Christian Academy FCCLA members purchased and designed tote bags for law enforcement in Division Three of the State Police as well as for first responders in the county of Appomattox. We are reaching children in fifteen Virginia counties. These *Helping Hans & Etta Totes*, hold items such as juice boxes, granola bars, crackers, coloring books, colored pencils, and small toys. The bags are being used for children who are passengers in vehicles that have been involved in accidents or stopped for moving violations.

