

CIS Semester of Service

National Honor Society members reflect on a semester full of community service projects as they pack holiday bags for cancer patients as their final 2017 initiative.



Jack Paolini and Wray Sulisz are ready to deliver these gift bags to the Cayman Cancer Society thanks to the CIS community!

In the past four months students have created strong community partnerships with several key service organizations island-wide centered on pillars of Education, Health and Environment. Environmentally, they continued the on-school recycling program and participated in four beach clean-ups while partnering with *Plastic Free Cayman* and *Red Sail Sports*. With issues regarding Health, they worked with *Impact 345* to pack and deliver gift bags to children receiving heart surgeries. Students collected hundreds of canned goods and donations for the *Cayman Crisis Center* and raised money for the *Cayman Cancer Society* by hosting a carwash fundraiser. Educationally, they teamed up with *LIFE.org* to collect thousands of books for local libraries. Students also jump-started a tutoring program with the 5th grade students at *Georgetown Primary School*. As a team they have contributed hundreds of service hours in an effort to improve their community and motivate others to extend a helping hand.



Environmental Pillar of Service: Students have collected and sorted thousands of pounds of trash in an effort to clean our beaches and spread awareness regarding the effects of single use plastics on our ecosystem.



Health Pillar of Service: Students provided time, games and gifts for children from Mongolia, Haiti, Uganda and Honduras who come to Health City for a second chance at life, while also raising money for cancer patients at a local car wash.



Education Pillar of Service: Students donated thousands of books to Llife.org to improve literacy island-wide, while also tutoring and mentoring students from Georgetown Primary School.

Community service impacts communities and individuals. As a school community each service project strikes a cord in different NHS members, motivating them to take full initiative in order to have far reaching impacts. Below are just a few examples of leadership, character and service.

“My favorite service project this year would be my PLE T-shirt project because not only did I get to be creative making the actual designs (for IMPACT 345), but I also got to see the children at the hospital so happy to get their new shirts.” - Arielle Farley

“My top project this term has been with Cayman Islands Cancer Society. The employees there were wonderful to work with and the entire NHS team worked diligently to help make Christmas for the patients at CICS better. This is definitely an organisation that I hope NHS will continue to work with.” - Wray Sulisz

“My favorite service moment in 2017 was carrying out another food drive for the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre. It felt really rewarding to do this again, and to see that the shelter was able to have so many materials that would help them for the next few months.” - Nuala Peterman

"I really enjoyed the beach cleanup we did on September 24, and I really felt like we made an impact on that beach. The beach was absolutely covered with garbage before we got there, and afterwards, there was a huge visible difference. If these type of cleanups continue, the beaches in the Cayman Islands will surely improve." - Megan Ehman

NHS welcomes all students to participate in our events. In 2018 keep a look out for the monthly beach clean-up schedule and opportunities to volunteer at Georgetown Primary & Impact 345.

Remember, *"Small acts, when multiplied by many people, can change the world."* - Howard Zinn