

Cross Country Service Project Report: Submission #62

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School

Newton-Conover High School

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Non-Profit being helped

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Can non-profit provide 501c3 certificate?

No

Describe your team's community service project. Who did it help and how?

Our team went to South Newton Elementary School to break up into groups and read to a variety of students in different grades (K-5).

Why did you pick this project?

We chose this particular school because many of our athletes have younger siblings, cousins, and other family members who attend there, which gave the project a personal connection for our team. We chose reading as our service project because we wanted to introduce these young students to the idea that reading and education matter and can be enjoyable.

Literacy skills begin developing at a young age, and we know that some students may need additional encouragement and positive experiences with reading. We wanted our athletes to provide that encouragement by spending one-on-one time with younger students, reading with them, listening to them, and helping make reading feel fun and engaging rather than simply another school assignment.

This project also allowed our athletes to serve as positive role models. As high school student-athletes, they were able to show younger students that being successful involves more than athletics... it also means valuing education, working hard, helping others, and being involved in your community. We hoped that having older students there would encourage them and make the elementary students feel supported and excited about learning.

Most importantly, we wanted this project to create a meaningful connection between our high school athletes and younger students in our community. While our team was there to provide a service, our athletes also benefited from the experience by practicing leadership, patience, communication, and responsibility. It allowed them to see that even something as simple as sitting down and reading with a younger student can have a positive impact.

How many students are on your team, and how many participated in the service project?

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