

Adriel Youth Initiate H2O Program

This fall, youth in the Adriel residential program initiated a service program called H2O, or “Help 2 Others.”

The program creates opportunities for the youth to give back to the community through service projects. Volunteer Liz Carter, who helps coordinate the projects, said, “We want to teach the kids how to recognize other people’s needs and how they can help meet them.” She said the kids have been very excited to participate and have proven to be hard workers. “Our youth sometimes focus so much on the hardships in their own lives, that getting out and giving of themselves to help others can really help them gain perspective and feel good about themselves,” she said. It is also a great way to teach them about sharing God’s love through their deeds.

The first project (see the photos, right) the kids took on was leaf raking for some residents of West Liberty. They also helped make and distribute luminaries for the West Liberty Holiday parade. At Christmas, they helped decorate bags and serve lunch at the community meal hosted by the churches of West Liberty and held at Bethel Mennonite Church. Future projects are being planned.



Angel Tree Blesses Kids

We would like to thank everyone who donated to this year’s Angel Tree Project, which provides Christmas gifts for every child in our foster care and residential programs. These gifts mean so much to the children; they, of course, *love* the presents, but, in the words of one youth, it is really special for them to know that “someone is thinking of us.”



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Irma Miller of South Union Mennonite Women prepares a tray of cookies for the Adriel youth. The ladies’ sewing baked them and sent several trays for the kids to enjoy--which they certainly did!

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