

Clark's Northern California Region Builds "Sand Francisco"

OCEAN BEACH, Calif. — Each year, LEAP 4 KIDS embraces one of California's most beautiful and iconic features—California Beaches—for its annual Sandcastle Building Contest. The contest is an opportunity for teams of architects, engineers, contractors, and designers to pair up with local elementary school students to design and create a sandcastle based on a pre-set theme. This year's theme was "Sand Francisco." Although not many need any added incentive to spend a day in the sun and sand, proceeds from the competition provide over 6,500 students in 25 schools across the Bay Area with hands-on learning experiences in art and architecture.

This October, Clark employees in the Northern California region participated in the 27th Annual LEAP 4 KIDS Sandcastle Contest by teaming up with the Highland Hospital Designers. The team, led by SmithGroup and Degenkolb Engineers, was comprised of several contractors and designers from the Highland Hospital project, and was subsequently paired with the Diane Feinstein Elementary School.

Before the event, team members met with children from the school to develop ideas, build clay models, and assign tasks for the big day.



The sandcastle, made with help from Clark volunteers, earned this year's "Most Imaginative Award."



Clark team members pause for a photo after working all day on their interpretation of "Sand Francisco."

On event day, the group spent four hours perfecting their masterpiece. Over 50 elementary school children packed down the foundation while parents and Clark volunteers shoveled sand, carried water, and applied the finishing details to the sandcastle. Their efforts earned the sandcastle the "2010 Most Imaginative Award." Two volunteers from the team also received special recognition for their tireless efforts on the day of the event. In total, the Highland Hospital team was able to raise almost \$40,000 for the LEAP 4 KIDS organization.

SAMMC Team Helps Habitat for Humanity



FORT SAM HOUSTON – In August, several members of the Clark/Hunt San Antonio Military Medical Center – North project team volunteered with a local Habitat for Humanity project in southwest San Antonio. The group worked on the home's framing, insulation and window installation.

Two members of the SAMMC project team help install drywall.

Junior Achievement Opens Finance Park for Fairfax County Junior High Students

FAIRFAX, Va. — With many experts pointing to personal fiscal irresponsibility as one of the contributing factors to the 2008 economic meltdown, organizations like Junior Achievement (JA) - whose mission is to educate students in grades K-12 about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy - seem all the more critical in shaping the next generation of consumers.

Clark has partnered with JA for several years, recognizing that participation from the business community is a key factor in the success of JA's mission. Over the years, Clark employees have volunteered in roles as varied as classroom tutors, Bowl-a-Thon team leaders, and corporate advisory board members.

This October, the National Capital Area Chapter of JA opened a state-of-the-art, 20,000 square-foot facility at the Frost-Woodson Campus in Fairfax, Va. The facility is intended to provide more than 14,000 middle school students with a high-tech, interactive learning experience designed to help develop their financial skills. The experience begins in the classroom with a four-week tutorial, and culminates with a day at

Finance Park during which the students live out a reality-based scenario derived from an income and life profile they are given at the start. Students are asked to make decisions on mortgage options, car payments, and home purchasing among other things, as they visit respective storefronts in the Park.

Junior Achievement sought Clark's advice for design and project management issues throughout the construction of the facility, and S2N Technology Group, Clark's subsidiary specializing in commercial telecommunications services, performed the low voltage cabling installation. Additionally, Clark is continuing the partnership by serving as the Housing Storefront sponsor, alongside business community members Citibank and Volkswagen.

Clark volunteers decorated the storefront space to reflect elements of the architecture and construction industry, including design boards, plan tables, a three-phase progress section of a completed wall, and a peg board outfitted with an assortment of tools.

Clark Participates in the Festival of the Building Arts



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Clark Construction vehicle "petting zoo" was once again a highlight for families who attended the National Building Museum's annual Festival of the Building Arts (FOBA). More than 2,700 visitors of all ages attended this year's event, and had an opportunity to interact with master craftsmen and experience demonstrations and hands-on activities that celebrate the building industry.

For several years, the Clark Logistics group has volunteered to run the FOBA "petting zoo," and recruits the whole department to participate, including drivers, operators, supervisors and volunteers to clean and polish the equipment so that it looks its best for the public appearance.

While much of the Festival takes place inside the Museum, the "petting zoo" of construction vehicles was set up just outside the entrance to the Museum. Clark volunteers interacted with visitors, posed for photos, and supervised children as they experienced first-hand how to operate a real piece of construction equipment.

Of the five pieces of equipment featured in this year's "petting zoo," the skid-steer loader was by far the fan favorite, as its low-to-the-ground build provided easy access for the kids.

Community Improvement Day Revitalizes Metropolitan Branch Trail



Clark volunteers assist with landscaping efforts.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In October, Clark employees joined over 500 volunteers to participate in the District of Columbia Building Industry Association's (DCBIA) 18th Annual Community Improvement Day. Clark has participated in the program, which rehabilitates a Washington, D.C. park or recreation center, for several years.

This year, volunteers revitalized the Metropolitan Branch Trail, located in the District's 5th Ward. Clark's scope

of work included grading, mulching, and landscaping the length of the trail between Rhode Island Avenue and Franklin Street.

Clark's volunteers, along with personnel from American Iron Works, also assisted with the fabrication, delivery, and installation of a 10-foot-tall gabion sculpture to accent the landscape improvements.

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Team Builds Relationship with Local School

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In addition to building one of the signature components of the Department of Homeland Security's new campus in southeast Washington, D.C., the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters project team is leaving a lasting impression on local students. The project team has developed a relationship with the Septima Clark Public Charter School, which recently relocated three blocks from the project site. The school, Washington, D.C.'s first all-boys public charter school, serves students from pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, but has plans to offer classes to students through the eighth grade.

Before the start of the 2010-2011 academic year, project team members volunteered by assembling furniture,

hanging pictures, and arranging classrooms. Recently, the project team held a book drive and delivered several large boxes of books to the school to help populate its growing library.

As work progresses at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters project, the team looks forward to continuing to volunteer and support the Septima Clark Public Charter School.

BRAC 133 Project Team Goes Back to School

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At the end of August, 17 members of the DoD/BRAC 133 Project at Mark Center team, along with several friends and family members, participated in the 2010 DC Public School Beautification Day.

The annual event was established in 2005 as a city-wide "spruce up" of Washington, D.C.'s public school buildings in preparation for the first day of school. Volunteers from Clark and Shirley contracting spent the day at Garfield Elementary School where they painted exterior doors, planted flowers, picked up garbage, mowed the grass, and performed general site beautification.

At the end of the day, the difference made to the exterior of the school was noticeable and Garfield Principal Angela Tilghman thanked the volunteers for their efforts.



Clark employees pause for a photo in front of the framing for the new outdoor deck at the Centers for New Horizons.

Chicago Office Takes Part in "Give Back Day"

CHICAGO — In September, several employees from Clark's Northern Region participated in a "Give Back Day" sponsored by Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago. Give Back Days focus on community improvement, and this event rehabilitated the Centers for New Horizons, a non-profit social service agency serving Chicago's Bronzeville and Riverdale communities.

Among the many improvements, the Clark volunteers constructed a deck to provide the organization's seniors with a comfortable and safe outdoor space.

This was the second Give Back Day that Clark has taken part in this year and volunteers look forward to participating in future events



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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Even as the The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Campus East project barrels forward to meet BRAC deadlines, the team manages to carve out time each month to perform a community service project. To help facilitate the planning and logistics of each event, the team has formed a Social and Service Committee.

The committee's efforts are designed to not only identify worthwhile projects within the community, but to help promote team building and camaraderie on the jobsite.

One such event occurred in September, when 10 team members helped out at the Capital Area Food Bank in northeast Washington, D.C., to commemorate 9/11. Over three hours, the volunteers assisted with sorting nearly 10,000 pounds of food to be distributed to area homeless shelters. They also unloaded bags and boxes of food from trucks in the drop off area.

The NCE Social and Service Committee coordinated the event in conjunction with Greater D.C. Cares, the largest and leading coordinator of volunteerism in the Washington, D.C. area. Individuals and teams from major corporations volunteered at various sites in an effort that was recognized by President Barack Obama, who volunteered at Ron Brown Middle School on September 11.



NCE Social and Service Committee members and project team volunteers gather for a photo after the Capital Area Food Bank event.