

SCHOOLS

Students Help Feed Homeless

More than 80 Kindergartners, along with parents and school staffers, from Patrick Henry Elementary School partnered with Volunteers of America Chesapeake to lend a helping hand to residents at Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center.

As part of the school's service learning project, the students dedicated the morning of Friday, Feb. 19, to making sandwiches and packing 100 lunches for the RPC residents. The children also created hand-decorated paper lunch bags and included personal notes to the residents. Patrick Henry Elementary School's service learning project, along with the school's partnership with Volunteers of America Chesapeake, provides students with opportunities to start learning about giving back to their communities at an early age. The activity also gave teachers a fun way to take learning outside of the classroom.

"It made me feel good and it was a fun and nice thing to do," said student Olivia Fried when asked how she felt about the sandwich-making project.



Mrs. Hand's Kindergarten students at Patrick Henry Elementary School show off their hand-decorated paper lunch bags, which were packed with lunches prepared by the students. The 100 lunches will be sent to Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center, which serves the homeless, as part of the school's service learning project.



Ms. Klein's Kindergarten Class at Patrick Henry Elementary School poses with the lunches they made for the residents of Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center.