



PREMIER

IN THE COMMUNITY

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THANKS FOR GETTING INVOLVED

Thanks to everyone who got involved with our community service initiatives this year. In June more than 30 people participated in a Beach Cleanup at Red Reef Park in Boca Raton.

In August for “Dog Days of Summer”, Premier associates showed how important it is to them to provide food, general up-keep and medical items for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens at Abandoned Pet Rescue – a local animal shelter. Given how this event seemed to mean so much to so many people, we will definitely be doing this again next year. The Pet Rescue people were almost in tears when they received Premier’s donation. In October we had a food drive for Boca Helping Hands and sent 300 lbs. of food, almost doubling last year’s donation, and in November we sent 4 carts full of toys to Toys for Tots.

Premier is looking forward to building upon these successes in 2015 and adding some new events as well.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – PATRICK REACHE

Patrick Reache, who works in the PST department, is in this month’s Premier employee spotlight. For over seven years Patrick has been involved with an organization called St. Luke Foundation for Haiti (<http://stlukehaiti.org/>). Their programs focus on providing medical care, education, humanitarian aid, and employment opportunities.

Patrick was there during the earthquake in Haiti providing transportation, assisting with the mobile clinic, as well as food and clothing distribution. He recently helped provide about four hundred school uniforms to send back for one of their outreach schools. He also assists with remodeling and upgrading x-ray rooms and equipment.

He can also dance with a cow when a laptop is involved. He can do it all.



VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC LIFE IN AMERICA

Volunteering and Civic Life in America, an annual research report issued by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the National Conference on Citizenship, shows that volunteering in the U.S. remains a strong component of the fabric of our nation across generations, enriching both our communities and those who serve. Volunteering is a key component of civic life, along with charitable giving, community involvement, voting, and other activities. One in four Americans volunteer. Altogether, 64.5 million Americans volunteered nearly 7.9 billion hours last year. The estimated value of this volunteer service is nearly \$175 billion, based on the Independent Sector’s estimate of the average value of a volunteer hour. Volunteers over 65 volunteered the most among any age group, followed by working mothers and parents with children under the age of 18.

To find opportunities, please visit www.serve.gov.

ABOUT PREMIER EYE CARE

Premier’s People, Planet, Profit triple bottom line means we are dedicated to helping the community. Contributions to 501(3)(c) charities since 2012 have topped \$400,000 and include diverse groups like the American Heart Assoc., the Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc., the Girl Scouts, Kenya Rescue, Tampa Crisis Center, Prevent Blindness, and more. Stay tuned for company-wide opportunities.



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