



For Your Prayers and Support of Our Young People on Mission Trips this Summer

East Side Child & Youth Ministry, with your support, was able to send 4 high school teens and 2 adults to Young Neighbors In Action in Washington D.C. and 9 middle school young people and 2 adults to Just 5 Days in St. Joseph, Michigan this summer to live out their Gospel call to service.

Comments from Young Neighbors In Action Participants:

It was a really good experience working with kids, helping teach them, and being a good role model. I also enjoyed being able to go and talk to my representatives and express my beliefs about what my government should do.

- Sam

YNIA provided me a chance to reflect and reevaluate my priorities in life. It was a fun week that allowed me to meet new people and learn about an amazing Peace centered organization for young kids.

- Grace

Young Neighbors in Action was a life changing experience that enabled me to grow deeper in my faith while serving the community. It gave me a chance to connect with other high schoolers striving to develop their virtues given by God.

- Mary

Young Neighbors in Action was a great experience for me. I got to meet teens from all over and help a young community while still playing Egyptian Rat Slap and singing along to The Beach Boys. I recommend it for everyone and I will definitely be back next year.

- Christian

Comments from Just 5 Days Participants:

My Just 5 Days trip experience was amazing. I grew closer to my peers in my group and in others. While volunteering, it not only gave back to the community, but made myself feel good about why I came to Just 5 Days. I recommend this to any middle school student, it is an experience you will never forget!

- Eva-Marie

First, when we were there I think we all had fun together and with the other kids. When we were also there I think everyone there grew closer to God. Also when we were there I think we enjoyed everyone there and all the activities they had for us. Also the first few days the food was terrible, but as the days went by it got better.

- John

Just 5 Days is a mission trip for kids in middle school, where they learn and grow in their catholic faith. When I attended I got to help out at an elderly care building with my parish. While we were there we helped clean and joined in on cardio practices, line dancing, as well as softball. Just 5 Days was also a great way to meet other kids my age and hangout. My experience at J5D was great and I hope others are able to experience what I have.

- Sam

The community of tons of different kids from all around was just amazing. We had so much fun together.

- Benjamin

I had a great experience during my three years doing Just Five Days. I learned about the importance to serve others. We helped at a senior center this year by cleaning and spending time with some of the seniors. Just Five Days is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn more about being Catholic, and do meaningful work that make a difference.

- Grace

Just 5 days was a great time to reflect and observe. Apart from the communities that you help you also get to meet new friends and have lots of fun.

- Jesper

Just 5 Days was really fun and a great way to meet new people. I made lots of new friends and we learned how to do simple housework for people that really needed the help.

- Joe

Just Five Days was an excellent trip. What I enjoyed most of all was helping the seniors out. We would help clean the senior center and we would engage in activities with them. My favorite activity was dancing with them, they were all better than me! I also enjoyed the talks we had with our leaders. We would talk about God and how we can praise him. I am so glad I went on this mission trip!

- April

