

The Partnership to End Homelessness Celebrates National AmeriCorps Week: A Combination of Service to the Community and Appreciation of the Members



Member Emily Holmes with the products donated to the NonFood Drive. Our donors really excelled. Special thanks to Yost and Little, RBC Centura, First Baptist Church, and the Greensboro Optimist Club

For Appreciation of the Members, the members planned three events: a movie night, a Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game, and a family picnic in Hester Park. The movie night took place on May 12. The members got together and chose to watch *Second Hand Lions*, and eat popcorn with cheese dip. Everyone had a good time and several members commented that, after watching it, they now wanted to buy this movie for their collection. On May 15, the members and their families went to a Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game. They watched the Grasshoppers take on the Hagerstown Suns while praying that the rain would hold off until after the game. The Grasshoppers lost but everyone



Members and family enjoy a picnic at Hester Park

The members of the Partnership to End Homelessness celebrated National AmeriCorps week with both Service to the Community and Appreciation of the Members. For Service to the Community, they planned and executed a *NonFood Drive* to benefit the homeless in Greensboro. They set out to specifically collect those necessary everyday items that cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. As a result of their efforts, about 2,400 items were collected: 404 baby diapers, 202 adult diapers, 271 bars of soap, 136 rolls of toilet paper, 115 toothbrushes, 99 tubes of toothpaste, 354 maxi pads, 161 tampons, 36 rolls of paper towels, 34 bottles of shampoo, 31 canisters of deodorant, 16 bottle of laundry detergent, 10 bottles of dish soap, plus school supplies and other items. The items will be distributed to Mary's House, Youth Focus, the Servant Center, and the Greensboro Urban Ministry. They will pass the items on to those who need them.



Members and family take in a Grasshopper baseball game

had a good time cheering on the players and ducking foul balls. On May 16, the members and their families organized a picnic in Hester Park. Everyone had too much to eat and showed their competitive side in a game of *Taboo*. For some people, "watching what you say" was simply too much to ask! One member was taken ill at the picnic and the other members came alongside her to ease her discomfort, call the ambulance, calm and care for her children, stay with her in the ER, and bring her home. They showed themselves to be not just her teammates but her family. She was deeply touched by the love and care they showed her and she has recovered.