



School Revitalization
Jacksonville, FL

Sanctuary on 8th Street
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JACKSONVILLE, December 10, 2011—Approximately 125 volunteers from CSX and City Year Team Care Force completed the fifth and final phase of a comprehensive revitalization of The Sanctuary on 8th Street.

In an ongoing effort to incorporate volunteerism and citizenship into the day-to-day operation of CSX, new management trainees were given the opportunity to assist in renovations to the historic building, which was once a U.S. post office, and now houses a safe-haven for children in inner city Jacksonville.

Over the course of the five-phase project, 388 CSX volunteers logged a total of 2,328 hours to, among many other tasks, paint the exterior of the building, landscape the entire property, renovate interior rooms, build playhouses and completely revitalize the center inside and out.

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The Sanctuary serves 100 inner city school age kids living in the 32206 and 32209 zip codes, with programming that is unduplicated anywhere else in their lives. There are three full-time teachers, four after school counselors and six counselors during summer camp, all of whom help provide a healthy, happy, enriching and safe experience for the children.

The Sanctuary boasts some very impressive outcomes. Of the kids served, 100 percent receive tutoring or homework help, participate in academic and arts activities, have a weekly field trip and receive a healthy snack and 30 minutes of physical activity every day. A total of 98 percent of Sanctuary kids are promoted to the next grade level, and 55 percent have been with the center for five years or longer.

CSX Corporation, based in Jacksonville, Fla., is one of the nation's leading transportation companies, connecting customers to ports, distribution centers and markets across the eastern United States. Through grass-roots volunteerism and focused corporate giving, CSX is committed to supporting the communities where it operates.

City Year is a national youth service organization based in Boston, Mass. The organization unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service in schools and neighborhoods across the country, where they foster citizenship, mentor children and build up communities. For more information, visit www.cityyear.org.