

Las Vegas Family Church Youth and Young Adults MLK Day of Service Report

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On January 18, 2021, in commemoration of Martin Luther King Day of Service, youth and young adults in our Las Vegas community gathered for a service project at Cheon Hwa Gung! A collaboration between CARP Las Vegas, Shine City Project, Generation Peace Academy representatives, and our local second generation, we worked together with our Rev. Doo to help out with several tasks at the home of our True Parents.

With everyone's health and safety in mind, we divided into groups, each responsible for a task at hand. While one group scraped chipped paint from the outside stairs and deck, another group removed rust and bird poop from the gate and fence surrounding the pool. Additionally, while another group was in charge of preparing scrap wood pieces for future bonfires, a final group was responsible for picking up litter just outside Cheon Hwa Gung along Haven Street.



In total, there were twenty-two youth and young adults who participated in the service project. Though everyone was able to volunteer a couple hours in the morning, some continued to stay in the afternoon to help out a little bit more. Additionally, around 10 to 15 bags were filled with litter outside of Cheon Hwa Gung. Though not everyone in our community was able to participate in the service project, we hope to have more opportunities like this one in the near future for others to join in as well!

Several youth and young adults share about their time helping out.



"I had a great experience helping with the service project. I was able to spend time with new people and catch up with some friends. The overall atmosphere was great and I enjoyed working with everybody. It was really nice to see everyone again!" - Junna B.

"I am really grateful for the opportunity to support our Las Vegas community by cleaning our True Parents' home. It was great to see so many people. As I live in the CARP house, I am familiar with the students who share the same space as me, but being able to see and work with other community members was a really great and refreshing experience. I often stop by True Parents' home to pray and offer devotion, so I am really happy I could spend time tidying it up. As a place that is so spiritually uplifting, I want to keep it that way. I look forward to the next time we can meet as a community and do something great together!" - Monica H.

"The service project we did at Cheon Hwa Gung was a great experience. For me, I really enjoyed being able to gather with some of the youth and work on something together. We all had our different spots we were working on, and it felt good to know we were putting in effort to help make Cheon Hwa Gung better. I liked Rev. Doo's prayer and how he mentioned the importance of the work we were doing and how those of us who are living in Las Vegas are the ones to take care of Cheon Hwa Gung and make a bigger, public impact. I hope we can do it again sometime!" - Danny S.