

# DISTRICT 7620 INTERACT CLUB NEWS

## METRO BETHESDA

By Kallie Forman, Rotarian/Interact Advisor

### Chartering, Officer Installation & Member Induction Ceremony

On August 13, 2020 during the weekly Zoom meeting of the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club, the newly sponsored Interact Club was officially chartered and officers and members installed. Presiding over the program was Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District 7620 Interact and RYLA Chair; Metro Bethesda Rotary Club President, Clara Montanez and; Kallie Forman, Interact Advisor.

The Interact Club of Metro Bethesda currently consists of members from Walter Johnson, Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Whitman High Schools and is open to any high school student with academic attendance in a setting that includes: public school, magnet school, private school, religious school, charter school, boarding school, parochial school, homeschool, non-profit school and/or for-profit school in the metro-Bethesda community.

### “Kits to Heart” Community Service Project

On Sunday, September 13, Interactors came together for two hours at Meadowbrook Park in Chevy Chase, MD to create handmade friendship bracelets. Forty-two bracelets were donated to the non-profit organization, “Kits to Heart” which provides care kits to pediatric and adult cancer patients. During the event, members also received their customized Interact Club tee shirts, official membership folder, Interact member pin and ballpoint pen.

## RICHARD WRIGHT PCS

### Thank You Healthcare workers

By Amora Campbell, Richard Wright PCS Interact Club President

Thank you so much! It’s not everyday that we get thanked for all that we do here,” said Angela White, a faculty member of the Southwest Unity Health

Care site. Both the Minnesota Avenue and Southwest healthcare workers took a short break from their busy schedules to greet the Richard Wright Public Charter School Interact Club Officers and receive the ‘Thank You’ banner titled, “Not all Heroes Wear Capes.”

This summer, in an effort to spread community awareness and service, Rotary Interact clubs from Haas Hall Academy, Bentonville, Arkansas, and Richard Wright PCS, Washington, DC, joined forces to do a community service project. Each club was full of eager teenagers hoping to make a positive difference in someone’s life during quarantine. After many icebreakers, discussions about the differences in our communities, discovering each other’s talents, and a few powerpoints later; the decision was made. Both Interact clubs decided to make a ‘Thank You’ banner for local healthcare workers to show their support for the overwhelming and heroic efforts they’ve made to protect everyone during the pandemic. Interact Club Presidents Amora Campbell and Sebastian Barajas paired up to run the meetings, while members from each club participated in decision making and presenting the banner to the healthcare workers. The banner was designed by a student named Katelyn Bennet from Haas Hall Academy, and sponsored by the two Rotary Interact Clubs.

Richard Wright Interact Members presented their banners to Unity Health Care Centers because of Unity’s commitment and dedication to providing excellent care in underserved neighborhoods for 35 years. Their work has never been more consequential than now with the Covid Pandemic. Haas Hall Interact Members in Arkansas thanked their local hospitals that have been an amazing resource and staple to their community.

All the workers were thrilled to get a surprise ‘Thank You’ from the people they have promised to protect. During this experience, students and healthcare workers became allies that can and will continue to encourage each other in the toughest of times.



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