

This Week Sheridan Village, Reyes, Eagle's Pointe, Antioch Crossing, Governor's Court, South Edgebrook, Connestoga Mobile Home Community, Santa Barbara Estates and Park 7 Apartments all had Easter Celebrations and nearly 300 people heard the Gospel.



Jeff Swift, Site Team Leader of **Sheridan Village**, shared the Resurrection Eggs and the Easter Story with their site and **Reyes** today. Their hunt was held at Center of Grace. The two teams combined for one hunt because they are across the street from each other. Life Mission Church and Olathe Bible Church were well represented. What I think is awesome, is that Carlos and his family and a mom, Carrie and daughter Valerie came over to Eagle's Pointe after their hunt. When they came to Eagle's

Pointe, they didn't come to get eggs. Carlos grabbed the tongs and grilled hotdogs with Kari Barry from Eagle's Pointe. Carrie her daughter Valerie and Carlos' brother and sister could be seen helping people get food, and cleaning up trash! Way to pay it forward, Sheridan Village and Reyes families.

Eagle's Pointe hosted their 3rd Annual Egg Hunt and Lunch. The rain plan is the same as the dry plan. Just as we were ready to start, the rain ceased. Craig shared the Easter Story with the families, Danielle translated it for the parents. Lots of love here. We have a prize table every year. If you get a golden ticket in your egg, you get to go to the prize table and pick a prize. I am always amazed, but never surprised. Some kids found 2-3 eggs with tickets, some found none. I witnessed two kids sharing their tickets with kids who didn't receive them. I also witnessed 3 kids sharing their large quantity of eggs with kids who didn't arrive until after the hunt. I would like to think that my kids would look out for others and not be selfish, but I don't know that in every situation that they would. If there is anything I have learned in the last couple years, is that when you have absolutely nothing, you share what you do have .





Antioch Crossing has had some new successes lately. They have had about 20 kids attending weekly, including a couple of middle school kids. This week Sarah Laptad, of Grace Church, shared the Gospel creatively with a stick, a flower and a large rock. They shared dessert, had adorable Easter themed gift bags. They are seeing lots of new relationships forming and have more kids every week coming to see what they are all about.



Santa Barbara Estates: This is one I'm so excited about. This was the very first engagement opportunity for this Site Team. Kerri and Bill Zollers and their Site Team from Heartland Community Church ROCKED. Despite the rain, they had over 30 kids plus their parents. Kevin and Sharon, the managers and residents of this 482 unit community, were so excited to have this team on property they showed up to help set up, introduce their community to the site team, and even donate a ton of shampoo, soap, and other toiletries to MSS. They shared the Easter Story,



hunted for eggs, and shared lunch under the tents. Kerri, being extremely optimistic, said that the rain forced everyone under the tent which led to amazing conversations and aided in getting to know the families. Sharon and Kevin were so grateful. They go above and beyond for their community. They kept telling the site team they couldn't believe they still came in the rain. Kerri met a woman named Julie, who may possible be a Person of Peace for the community. I am excited to see what God has planned for this community.



Governor's Court/South Edgebrook Apartments: Kristen Willingham and her team from Redeemer Lutheran Church, hosted their 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt today. They are weekly on property with a Homework Huddle and Food Co-op. They are very relationally connected to many families. Today there was rain, there were helpers, there was anxiousness, there were MANY excited children. They had mud, they had laughs, they had umbrellas and boots. They had hot



dogs and volunteers hammering nails for crosses. Boni Garcia, a resident at South Edgebrook, cut wood pieces for the nail crosses. Volunteers hammered nails in the shape of a cross. The kids were able to weave string around it to form a cross they could hang on their walls. There were latecomers that had their own special egg hunt due to the eagerness of other children to share and hide some Easter eggs a second time...that was my favorite part! They had a prayer all together in both English and Spanish so that all could understand our thanks to God for sending His Son that blessed Easter all those years ago...maybe that was my favorite part! This team has been given the basement of one of the apartments. They were able to have their hunt outside, and bring everyone inside for lunch.



Conestoga Mobile Home Community: This is our longest standing Site Team. For 5 years they have facilitated a weekly J-Train with this community. After years of resistance from the owners, Steve, Cassie and Teresa sat down with them a few weeks ago. He was so excited about the Easter Egg Hunt, he actually donated \$200 to the cause. Indian Creek Community Church has somewhat supported this team. About 40 kids were in attendance, over half of the kids in attendance today were new families the team had not met. The other half, were J-Train families. The Jelly Bean Prayer was given, along with invites to J-train. New relationships were formed today.





Park 7 Apartment Community: Prairie Center Church of God of Prophecy has headed this Site team for over a year. Their Youth Group and Youth Pastor and his wife, Scott and Crystal Fuller, truly pour into the lives of these families. They have prayed for and with many families, have a great relationship with the manager, and are on property much more than their quarterly requirement. Today they had more kids in attendance than usual, even though the weather was less than cooperative.