

## Paw Prints!

### Joe 15 Club

The Joe 15 Club of the Manassas Christian School held its first meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The club's mission is to be of service to the Manassas community.

Debbie Page-Maples first created the Joe 15 club as a tribute to her son Joe, who was tragically killed last February. The original club was created for a group of his friends to gather in his memory, and to serve others as Joe would do.

Since its inception, the club now has three satellite clubs in the Prince William County area. Stonewall Jackson and Brentsville High Schools each have a club, and Manassas Christian is the first middle school to have a club.

The first service project our club did was to prepare lunches for workers who live at the SERVE shelter. We created

an assembly line and created a lunch that consisted of a ham and cheese sandwich, an apple, chips, and a desert. With added a note of encouragement from the group in each bag.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> the group went to Park Place, the Senior Living Center that is adjacent to our school. We took some board games and dominoes and played with some seniors. They really seemed to enjoy our company.

Jan Hopkins the volunteer coordinator for SERVE is coming to talk with the group on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A school wide project that we are doing that all the students can participate in is our "Remember the Pets" project. We are collecting items for the Animal shelter in Manassas. The items we are collecting include newspapers,

bleach, Clay cat litter (such as Fresh Steps), cat and dog food (they currently use Purina dry food), nyiabones, and Kongs. Presently we are keeping them in Mr. Pumphrey's room.

We have found that volunteering with friends is fun.