

San Antonio Gets Hands Dirty to Help Children's Shelter

After throwing monthly birthday parties, participating in book drives and donating "Jeans Day" proceeds to help local children, Avnet Technology Solutions' (TS) San Antonio office decided it was time to get its hands dirty.

Twelve members of the sales and sales management teams spent a Friday afternoon in November picking up leaves, trimming trees, raking and mulching flower beds, moving rocks, weeding and removing debris from the grounds of The Children's Shelter, an organization that provides emergency shelter services for up to 104 children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse, abandonment or neglect.

Before the team got to work, it was given a tour and information about what the children staying there have experienced. "Volunteering at the shelter gave us great pleasure to know that we were making a small contribution to the grounds where these children live," says Lisa Friesenhahn, vice president of leasing, services and remarketing sales for TS. "It made all of us sit back for a moment and reflect on how fortunate we really are."

Lisa learned about The Children's Shelter's need for grounds-keeping help by contacting United Way (<http://www.unitedway.org/>), which lists volunteer opportunities on its local Web pages. Another option for employees searching for a volunteer project is Points of Light <http://www.pointsoflight.org/>.

