

Community Partner: T. K. Martin Center

Team name: Sand Senioritas

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The Sand Senioritas Action Team completed 160 hours of service to the T. K. Martin Center and logged 80 visits during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to share information about the T. K. Martin Center with all people in order to educate others about the center’s good works and true goals. Also the team will focus on helping the children at the T. K. Martin Center adapt and develop as students, teaching them about their technological options, and on aiding the teachers to positively influence their students.” The Sand Senioritas Action Team addressed their purpose by creating simple but educational lesson plans that the children were able to do on their own. These lesson plans allowed the T. K. Martin Center students to gain some fundamentals of independence and taught them to communicate in different ways, which was especially important for the children that could not adapt easily to others. The Sand Senioritas team is aware of the impact they had on their community partner. “Each week we spent two hours helping the preschool teachers of the Project Impact program. Specifically, our group managed students, assisted teachers, and even taught lessons during the Fall Harvest unit. Each activity was specially designed to incorporate simple motor skills, basic preschool lessons, and sensory experiences. It was so rewarding to see the students complete our lessons with smiles of accomplishment on their faces. We definitely completed our goal of developing personally. The children brought out the best in all of us and made us very grateful.”