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**Alumni Association Spring Service Project**

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As we have done in the past, and in true service to the community, the D7600 Alumni Association launched its annual spring service project to benefit two deserving organizations, the Liberation Veterans Services, in Richmond, and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, in Virginia Beach.

The project entailed collecting contributions from Alumni Association members that PDG Judy Cocherell and Adeb Hamzey used to purchase needed items and deliver them to these two locations. The items were chosen from lists the two organizations posted on their websites. The Liberation Veterans Services organization focuses on helping veterans who have been experiencing difficulty in their personal lives.

*Liberation Veterans Services: From left, Program Manager Fletcher Johnson, Michael Little, Adeb Hamzey, and a Veteran resident*

The Judeo-Christian Outreach Center serves the needs in Virginia Beach. The Center partners with over 100 volunteer groups, churches, synagogues, civic groups and individuals to serve over 86,000 free meals each year to their residents as well as to any of their neighbors 365 days a year. It has a food pantry and a family food box program. JCOC houses 55 residents each night at their emergency shelter as well as a transitional housing program for 16 homeless veterans and a permanent housing program for 8 chronic homeless individuals with disabilities. JCOC also has a Rapid Rehousing Program that places homeless men and women into permanent housing and provides ongoing services for up to two years. There is also a day support program where people can take a shower, do laundry, and apply for shelter and housing programs.

The Judeo-Christian Outreach Center serves the needs in Virginia Beach. The Center partners with



*Alumni Association Co-Advisor Judy Cocherell, JCOC Executive Director Todd Walker, and Alumni Leadership Member Barbara Moore Jacuth are pictured below at a presentation to JCOC on June 22nd at their Virginia Beach Blvd. location.*

While it is certain that the communities' needs surpass the \$1185.00 worth of goods, divided equally between the two, that they received from this Alumni Association spring service project, the leaders of both organizations were very happy and appreciative of this Rotarian service, and they are constantly looking for similar contributions, without which people's needs cannot be met.

Rotarians are no strangers to serving communities locally and abroad, in many ways. This is our motto, we live by it daily, and we are proud that we are able to continue doing our part.