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## IDS-CC Students Learn Ordinary Kindness Can Make An Extraordinary Difference

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At Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC), students understand every individual has a responsibility to change the world for the better. They also know it's the ordinary yet thoughtful acts that can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others and in the community.

Service to the community is a way of life at IDS-CC involving students in every grade. For middle schoolers, the tradition of service includes giving their talent, time, creativity, compassion, and often "muscle" several times a year to those who could most use a friendly smile, a listening ear, or a pair of strong arms.

During the most recent IDS Community Service Day, teams of sixth, seventh and eighth graders and their teachers participated in a number of projects. Some visited with residents at the Senior Day Center of Hillsborough County helping with group activities, while others spent time, one-on-one, with residents at the Carrollwood Care Center. One group did yard work for an elderly neighbor, while another team read and worked on art projects with students at Lanier Elementary's Headstart Program. Sorting food at the Tampa Jewish Community Center Food Bank and packaging class supplies at "A Gift for Teaching of Tampa Bay" focused the energies of some students on people in need, while still another team focused on cleaning up debris along the shoreline on Davis Island.

"Our students respond to Community Service Day with wonderful enthusiasm and compassion," said Betty George, IDS-CC middle school director of studies. "And, in return, they are able to experience the rewards that come from volunteering."

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County serving 530 students in Pre-K through 8th grade. A 2004 National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award school, IDS-CC features superior academic programs, small class size, and leading edge fine arts, sports and technology programs. IDS-CC balances a nurturing learning environment with high standards and expectations and has become recognized as an exemplary school with several hundred educators visiting the school annually to observe IDS-CC teachers and attend professional seminars. For more information about IDS visit [www.idsy.com](http://www.idsy.com).

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