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# SLAN Volunteers!





### Volunteer Spotlight! With Janis Marler

#### **Upcoming Events**

June 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strawberry
10 - 2 Festival benefiting
Aslan's Haiti clinic – St.
Paul's UMC,
Herbertsville Rd., Brick

June 11 ASLAN Volunteer
12 PM Appreciation Luncheon,
Community Bible
Church – Lakewood
Road, Neptune



Two amazing young women—Lynh Nguyen (left) and Colleen Smith (right), best of friends, shown below at their 2015 Shore Regional High School graduation. Lynh and Colleen have spent the last three summers serving as camp counselors at our Red Bank Summer Day Camp, beginning as sophomores in high school. Now both are nearing the end of their freshman year at college, Lynh at Seton Hall and Colleen at Stockton. Says Colleen about her experience volunteering with Aslan, "working with the kids and getting to know them is one of the greatest feelings in the world. The kids we got to work with always brightened the mood...volunteering for Aslan has been a great experience and I'm honored to be involved with it. I am forever grateful for the Aslan family I have made." Lynh echoes much of what Colleen says. She too feels it has truly been a blessing "to be a part of the Aslan family." She says that volunteering for Aslan has "shined a light on the most important things in life," and has shown her what is truly valuable -"helping people and being a part of something bigger than myself." She goes on to say, "I would not be the person I am today without this organization." We are all so grateful that the Lord saw fit to send these wonderful young women our way. They continue to make a difference in the lives of the children we serve. Thank you, Lynh and Colleen, for your love!

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In February, Aslan was blessed to have a team from St. Paul's United Methodist in Brick spend a week with us in Haiti. Team members included Don & Carol Blair (Carol shown below right with one of our precious Haitian children), Doug & Sharon Buechler, Tom O'Hearn, and Kori Scheiss as well as Pam Hess, Director of Step of Faith Ministries. We provided day camps for our 200 Aslan children in L'Acajou, and we also hooked up the water supply to our medical clinic. Thanks to good planning, hard work,

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## Quote of the Month

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Nelson Mandella

The pictures above are of several of our 30 tutors, including Keenan Maher (top left). Keenan and his mom, Kathy, have been "team tutoring" a young man this year and making a huge difference! Both Kathy and Keenan have contributed hundreds of volunteer hours, not only tutoring, but helping with summer day camps, doing drives for backpacks and school supplies and providing lunches and pizza for our day campgoers. Kathy brought her cotton candy machine last summer so we could give the kids a bang up last-dayof-camp carnival!

#### **ASLAN IN HAITI**

persistence, prayer and great team work, everything was a success! I was blessed to be a part of this team and witness first-hand the incredible joy our Haitian brothers and sisters, young and old alike, felt at seeing running water in our clinic! You should have seen Aslan's Haitian director, Joseph Israel, smiling and spraying his face with the fresh, clean water! We thank all those at St. Paul's for "your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ!" Please join us this Saturday

at the St. Paul's Strawberry Festival in Brick to benefit the Aslan Medical Clinic in Haiti!