

BEACH HEROES

**Saving the Environment
One Child at a Time**



▶ The Beach Heroes program was conceived to teach about caring for the environment to the children who attend schools in Galveston and the surrounding area.



► Over the two years since the program began, we have 29 volunteers who have logged 665 hours of volunteer service.

▶ To date the program has impacted:

▶ Youth – 2290

▶ Adults - 333

▶ Total – 2623

▶ Asian – 6

▶ Black – 605

▶ Hispanic – 1093

▶ White – 864

▶ Female – 1133

▶ Male - 1490





► During the first 2 years of the program, we worked at 5 schools with over 85% of the population on free or reduced lunches. We provided art supplies for them ‘to show what they know’ from the program. Their artwork was shared with their parents as well as with the community.



► For the 2020 – 2021 school year, we are offering the program through a video and Zoom. Art supplies will be provided to the children along with capes and hats that they can make for themselves.



For this year we have three engagements already booked:

- Crenshaw Elementary
- Sunshine Center
- Islamic Center



▶ COVID 19 has brought in new people who are interested in volunteering with the project. Nearly half of our volunteers are men who serve as role models for the children.



► This program is easily adaptable for any chapter as they address the environmental needs of their area. The budget can be less than \$500 to begin. We receive money from the chapter, donations, and card sales.



► The impact of the program will be measured as the children help change behaviors and attitudes towards the environment.

Will You Be A Galveston
Beach Hero Too?



► This project is both fun and educational for our children. The volunteers bring joy and passion to each program! *It truly touches the hearts of all who participate.*

GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER BEACH HEROES PRESENTATION

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