

Legacy Project Summary

My group and I volunteered at Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, IL. We volunteered two Thursdays for four hours in February. During our first volunteering day, we went on a tour of Cunningham's campus. We got to go inside the community service building, where we were given a rundown of Cunningham's different programs. We then got to speak and ask questions to the head supervisor nurse, and she explained what working as a nurse looked like at Cunningham. We then got about a two-hour history lesson and were able to ask multiple questions to learn about Cunningham. For our volunteering service project, we bagged Epsom salt for one of Cunningham's programs. This was to help stop the spread of athletes' feet in one of their residential homes. I have learned much about Cunningham Children's Home and how it continuously impacts Champaign County. It is not just a children's home but serves community members and provides trauma-informed care. It is the place for hope, to guide individuals and families to have positive outcomes, and to support individuals in functioning independently in a community. As the saying goes, "Hope Begins Here," I was grateful to learn and understand the importance of how this little saying impacts many families and individuals.