



## Dear Friends of ASAP,

This summer brought the heat to the ASAP Recycle Center and our volunteers brought the fire to our mission! We are so excited to share with you our accomplishments this past season and look forward to the next one with our biggest supporters and treasured community.

## New This Season



Loaded up and headed to Peru

**7,600 Tools Make Their Way to Peru** – We did it! July saw the last of our preparation and packing as we filled our 40-foot shipping container with your donated tools and wished it well on its way, to serve the young trade school graduates at the Salesian Missions in Peru. Getting a tool from donor to tradesperson is no easy feat and we could not have done it without the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of smiles that made it all possible. The restored tools are a small step in creating self-sufficient communities by allowing graduates to begin practicing their trade fully prepared and without debt or delay. This is the 5th shipment that ASAP has sent to global partners and each shipment adds to the over 7 tons of tools we've kept out of landfills and put into the hands of young people around the world.

**Let's Play Ball (in Peru)!** – ASAP took a different position this summer and helped collect *baseball* equipment for Venezuelan refugees living in Peru. Peru has opened its doors to almost one million refugees since 2019 and while they are grateful to call the new country their home, many young Venezuelans missed their favorite pastime – *American Baseball*. Equipment drives held by St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, The Heritage School, and Northgate High School in Newnan collected donations of bats, balls, bags, helmets, and more to give these youngsters something we all need from time to time, a chance to play with friends and enjoy the outdoors. ASAP is proud to partner with our local community to help our international community and its youngest members.



Baseball drives help Venezuelan refugees in Peru

## Looking Forward



ASAP's 5<sup>th</sup> year as the Word of God Lutheran Church's Service Project

**The ASAP Recycle Center in Newnan is Ready for YOU** – While the Spring and Summer saw a pause in volunteer opportunities in preparation for our shipment, we need you this Fall! Our Recycle Center will once again open to you and your volunteer groups on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have availability every Wednesday and Saturday or with a 2-week notice may be available at your convenience. Bring your classmates, friends, or teams and join us as we restore the next shipment of tools and continue our restoration of the Recycle Center as well. We cannot wait to see you all soon!

## Thank You

It takes a community to make big things happen, and we are incredibly grateful for ours. You donated, sanded, polished, wrapped, packed, loaded, and shipped more than just tools – you gave yourself and you gave young people opportunities to pay it forward in their own communities. We are humbled by your generosity and will continue to work with you to **change lives, one tool at a time.**

*Very best wishes for a healthy and happy fall,*

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