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The following is an archived video story. The text content of that video story is available below for reference. The original video has been deleted and is no longer available.

Students Build Playground as Part of 'Pay it Forward Tour'

Instead of heading to South Beach for Spring Break, about 100 students from Minnesota and North Dakota boarded a bus and embarked on a six city "Pay it Forward Tour."

Baltimore was their last stop. The students decided to volunteer at the Pratt House, a transitional living facility for the homeless. The organization is headed by Volunteers of America Chesapeake.

"The students that join this organization are a lot more motivated to make the world a better place and to do things with their spring break that will change the world," said Michael Ratgen, volunteer.

The, "Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow" volunteers painted the third and fourth floors of the facility and also cleared space outdoors for a new playground set to be built in late April. The Pratt House received a grant from Kaboom! to purchase the materials for the playground but had no funding to clear debris and get the grounds ready for the new equipment. Those in charge said the volunteers lightened a heavy load.

"It's awesome that they came out today because if they didn't come then we would have to pay a contractor or someone to come and do this and with our limited budget we just aren't able to do that," said James Wynn, Volunteers of America Chesapeake.

The organization is still in need of \$5,000 to cover the safe play surface. If you would like to help visit click [here](#) or contact James Wynn at Jwynn@voaches.org.

The previous playground was shut down more than two years ago due to unsafe condition. The organization plans to build the new playground on April 27th. The new playground was specially designed by the children who live at the Pratt House.

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