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FMC Lithium execs participate in community service projects

GASTONIA, N.C., March 19, 2008 --- As part of the company's annual leadership conference, about 60 FMC Lithium executives from around the world participated in community service projects in Bessemer City and Charlotte on Wednesday.

While one team helped at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Charlotte, two teams worked in Bessemer City at the Community Center and the Greater Gaston Boys and Girls Club. Plans for landscaping at the Bessemer City Middle School were canceled because of threatening weather, according to company spokeswoman Melanie Stevens.

At the Community Center, a team of FMC executives painted the bleachers and handrails. Construction at the old Central School recently cut the center's electricity, so the team worked without heat and just two work lights powered by a temporary line strung into the building.

Next door in the Boys and Girls Club kitchen, a team installed new cabinets donated by FMC. Later they were to set up five refurbished computers recently purchased with United Way funds.

FMC has been associated with the Boys and Girls Club for about nine years, according to former Bessemer City plant manager Enrique Bertram. He now works for FMC in the United Kingdom. Technical Manager Fred Becker, who helped organize Thursday's service projects, serves on the board of the Boys and Girls Club. The Club provides after school programs for almost 40 children, said Director Mary Robinson.



FMC Lithium leaders Doug Cochran, front, Stephen Stein, center, and Ricky Sikand, back, paint the bleachers in the gym of the Greater Gaston Boys and Girls Club in Bessemer City Wednesday afternoon. Photo: John Clark/The Gazette

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