For over a decade, students at Baylor College of Medicine have worked together to fulfill a mission that one inspiring individual couldn’t. They gather in honor of Matthew Carter, a bright young man, full of energy and big ideas. He was in his first year at Baylor and was excited to use his talents for community service. His untimely death prevented that, but inspired his classmates to serve in his name. Every year since 2004, on Matthew Carter Service Day, first year medical students spend a Saturday helping the community.

This year’s students sorted donations at a food bank, worked in the prairie ecosystem at Hermann Park, upgraded a playground for at-risk inner city preschoolers, packed and sent medical supplies to developing countries, and promoted healthcare at a back-to-school social for kids. For 12 years, Baylor students have been learning about the importance of compassion on this special day.

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