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Builders deliver books to children at The Blossom

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Sun Country Builders (SCB) recently donated 45 books and 45 bookmarks at an end-of-the-summer party for children who live at The Blossom in Beaumont to mark the company's 45th anniversary.

SCB is a general contractor company that specializes in building multi-family housing like The Blossom.

Joey Clements, SCB's vice president of construction, said it was nice to see how their work has positively contributed to the children's lives.

"We're a general contractor and we get caught up a lot of times trying to meet schedules and deadlines and budgets," he said. "We know there's a purpose at the end of what we do, but it's really nice to just actually see it, right? Because typically when



Left to right, back to front: Erica Dowdy, SCB vice president, Joey Clements, SCB director of construction, Joe Munguia, Linc ICMS senior case manager, Isis Franco, Linc resident services coordinator, John Farrell, SCB general superintendent, Jarisa Welles, SCB project coordinator, Anna Maria Gonzalez, The Blossom property manager, Evelyn Smith, SCB assistant superintendent.

we build a project, we hand over the keys and then we move on to the next building that we're constructing. So again, it's really nice to see that come full circle and really drives the purpose

behind what we do."

The Blossom is a project from Linc Housing that provides affordable housing to families

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who need it.

The housing project hosts a variety of programs, including reading programs for children. SCB often supports its clients' onsite reading programs.

Clements and other SCB employees got to spend some time with the children who live there. He said it was great to see how happy the kids were about the books.

"The age range was all the way from toddler ages... to 13 (or) 14 years old," Clements said. "They came in (and) they all were happy. They had smiles on their faces. I played Monopoly with about four or five kids in

that room and they were all full of energy (and) happy. (It was) great to see."

Clements said it was great to celebrate the company's 45th anniversary, especially in a way that gives back to people going through tough times.

Their experience at The Blossom motivated SCB to keep building affordable housing for families who need it.

"I think it's a big motivator," Clements said. "But what's even more awesome is the purpose that you serve and that you're providing something that's for a cause and it really is fulfilling from a social standpoint. (It) just makes you feel all warm and fuzzy." ■