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Canyon State Academy is continuously working to build strong community partnerships. As we begin to rebuild the farm area and clean up fields that have been unused over the years, we had a project ahead of us that was both time and financially consuming. Through the strong relationships with our community, we were approached by M.R. Tanner Construction. They offered to remove debris, fill large holes, drag and grade the area, and do a large clean up of the front half of the lot as part of a volunteer program that they took part in. This was an amazing task that a few days of large equipment and dedicated employees spent to change the landscape and start the beautification process. We can't thank them enough for not only their hard work but the time they spent talking with our students, sharing a kind word and giving them work advice. We look forward to continuing this partnership and one day seeing our students' become employees of M.R. Tanner Construction. We are continually blessed by our community and their sense of wanting to help us complete our mission of Improving the Lives of Youth.

When asked what the project meant to the company, Vice President Josh Skinner had the following to say:

This project, in terms of the work that we at M. R. Tanner perform daily, was relatively small. Just a few days of work. Chad Montoya (Project Manager), Duane Davis (Blade Operator) and the fine grade crew, came in and made relatively quick work of the project. In the process, they made a large transformation to the property. It was especially neat for me to see the impact that this relatively small project had on the representatives at Canyon State Academy. Michelle, who was a representative onsite, repeated over and over that they could never have done this work on their own. It was a great reminder for me, that regardless of the service that we render in life, regardless of the size of the "project" (a smile, a handshake, an acknowledgement, a plate of cookies, mowing someone's lawn, etc.), often the small act of service can often yield large results in others' lives.

As a brief side note, the impact that we made on this project, pales in comparison to the impact that Susan, Michelle and the other employees at Canyon State are making in the lives of the young men and women at that school. It was sweet to drive around with them and hear about the excitement they had for every youth, field, horse and garden there. They are an example to me of the enjoyment that is found when you focus on others needs first. The impact they have on each one of those individuals will be felt much longer than the small grading project we helped with. Thank you for the opportunity to help out on this one.