

Harris' Heroes: Md. non-profit inspires youth to ask 'So what else can we do to help?'

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SILVER SPRING, Md. (ABC7) — At a Silver Spring park, youngsters from nearby Park Montgomery Apartments are engaged in a serious race, but this isn't your typical summer day camp.

Along with a mix of sports and arts and crafts, this camp focuses on helping others and the environment with activities like making seed balls, known as "guerilla gardening."

David Silbert is one of the founders of the nonprofit "[So What Else](#)," which runs the free camp for underserved youth.

"We want to start teaching the concepts of service and there are a lot of ways they can serve right here," says Silbert.

From picking up trash in the park to making sandwiches to donate to a local shelter, the kids are taking away important messages.

"We hope to empower them to make a difference and be good people," says Silbert. "It's the very base of our programming."

"So What Else" serves close to 3,000 youth in Maryland and the District through its summer camps and afterschool programs.

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