



Outstanding Service Projects NHS & NJHS 2010 Winners

Congratulations to the following schools for winning one of the 2010 Outstanding Service Project Awards from NHS and NJHS. These five NHS chapters and five NJHS chapters were selected from those applications submitted in the spring of 2010. Additional information including selected photographs of these projects can be found at www.nhs.us/osp. NASSP wishes to thank [Herff Jones, Inc.](#) who graciously provides the plaques to the ten OSP winners in support of this national recognition. We are proud of all of the good work accomplished by these chapters and are pleased to present these project summaries as a service to all of our members.

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NHS OSP Winners 2010:

1. Richfield Senior High, Richfield, MN

Project: Asian New Year

Adviser: Marie Abele

The increase in the number of Asian students in Richfield area schools and the lack of community knowledge about the Asian culture provided a unique opportunity for the members of the Richfield Senior High chapter of NHS to educate the community and students at all levels in order to encourage the embracing of diversity. The project, a celebration of the New Year in January from an Asian culture perspective, began as a leadership project for one member and became so enormous that the chapter members chose to use this as their chapter service project.

For five months, members planned for a successful implementation. They obtained a \$500 grant to defray costs, contacted local Asian community members for involvement, involved the public library, and contacted local organizations and businesses for support in providing refreshments, prizes, and publicity. Because of the astonishing support, the chapter was able to sponsor their event at no cost. Activities included: Lion Dancers, Vietnamese and Japanese dancers, speakers from various Asian cultures, fashion show, martial arts, cultural demonstrations and displays, food samples, craft demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, raffle prizes, storytelling, tattoos, fortune telling, and games (Zodiac Race, Card Making, Origami, Calligraphy, Duck Pond, Ball Toss).

To promote the event, chapter members took out ads in two local newspapers, *The Asian American Press* and *Ngay Nay* newspaper. They posted information on the Richfield city web site, and posted flyers at local businesses and community gatherings. They undertook the task of mailing information to all Richfield residents (included as part of quarterly newsletter) and promoted the event at neighboring schools. Members were tasked with printing programs, recipes for the food demonstrations, and "trivia" cards with information about various Asian cultures. They also provided comment box for attendees to give feedback.

On the day of the event, members began setting up at 2:45 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. members served as greeters at main door while others staffed the various display tables and games. At 6:00 p.m. performers took to the stage in the school auditorium. Beyond the auditorium, activities were set up in the lunchroom and throughout the halls. Refreshments, crafts, games, a photo booth, and 20 display tables provided a variety of cultural offerings for patrons.

The members report that their event was hugely successful and they have been asked to provide this type of service project to focus on other cultures as well in the future. One parent sent a note of appreciation and stated that her two children in NHS had learned more about human behavior and hard work from this project than through anything else they had done in all their years of schooling. This was a truly a valuable learning experience.

2. Wade Hampton High School, Greenville, SC
Project: Can the Principal (Canned food drive)
Adviser: Beth Leavitt

Each year the National Honor Society chapter at Wade Hampton High School chooses a holiday service project. Special consideration was given to the state of the economy and its impact on their community and the families in the area. They realized that the greatest need was one of the most basic: food. They decided to run a food drive to collect as much canned and non-perishable food as possible to help feed the hungry. Two organizations were chosen to receive the donations at the conclusion of the contest. The first was the Crisis Center, a place for abused women and their children. The second was Triune Mercy Center, where families and the homeless can receive essential food items and a warm meal.

What originally began as a food drive for the 140 members of the chapter, soon developed into a weeklong school-wide class contest. They named the contest "Can the Principal" and filling the principal's office with canned food became the mission. While the principal thought that his office was big enough that the cans would not impede his work, the members were hoping to collect enough food to make him somewhat uncomfortable. The winning class would receive a free breakfast provided by the local Hardees® restaurant and the PTSA parents volunteered to cook breakfast casseroles.

The members far exceeded their goals and had the support of the entire school and much of the local community. The local media heard about the drive and sent a TV crew to the school to help kick off the contest. The project became a true service learning activity when a few of the math teachers challenged students to calculate how many cans it would take to fill the office based on volume. Local grocery stores managers told students looking for canned food that they were being tapped out.

This project is now the model by which others in the area will follow. Winning the breakfast was secondary to the good will that came from the event. The executive director of the Crisis Center and the pastor at Triune Mercy Center visited the school late on Friday to see the collection and to be interviewed by the media. When they saw the principal's office, they were very moved. They said their pantries were bare and this influx of new items was greatly needed. Overall, the NHS chapter at Wade Hampton High School collected over 6,812 cans of food! By the end of the week, the principal could no longer conduct business in his office and had to hold several interviews in other parts of the building. The NHS members successfully "Canned the Principal."

Additional resources:

Tips for Food Drives [<http://www.nhs.us/Content.aspx?topic=60935>]
www.feedingamerica.org

3. Crystal Lake High School South, Crystal Lake, IL

Project: Pink Out for Breast Cancer

Advisers: Brian Adcock & Lori Ratliff

When the Crystal Lake High School South chapter of NHS began this year's service project, the Pink Out, they had simple objectives: Get every student at the high school to wear a pink t-shirt to a football game and fill the stands with pink, share the money collected through the sale of these shirts for research and prevention of breast cancer, and spread breast cancer awareness. To accomplish this, the members felt it was important to get as much of the school involved as possible.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so they chose a Friday night home game in October to "pink-out." Plans included selling pink t-shirts for \$10 to students and the community. In order to get the word out to the community, they began by selling shirts to parents on parent night, which took place in mid-September. Veteran members of NHS were asked to sell shirts during their lunch hours. To raise awareness among the student body, other NHS members made signs and posted them around the building and joined Facebook group to spread the word.

Because of the widespread excitement for the upcoming event, other clubs and sports teams in the school involved themselves as well. For example, all forty dancers on the Varsity and Junior Varsity Pom squads used pink and silver pom-poms, and wore their "Pink-Out" shirts for their performance the night of the Pink-Out. The members of the marching band all decorated their instruments with pink streamers, and the seniors all wore pink capes. The Color Guard used pink flags, and all forty cheerleaders wore their "Pink-Out" shirts. Even the football team incorporated pink into their uniforms- Twenty-five players taped their ankles and shoes with hot pink tape, while all sixty players put a breast cancer ribbon sticker on their helmets. Parents and other fans generously gave donations, and the opposing team was very generous with their donations as well. The chapter sold about 850 shirts to students, faculty, and parents and raised about \$4,000, double the amount they initially hoped to raise.

They were able to donate \$2,000 to the McHenry County Breast Cancer Task Force, and the other \$2,000 to the [Susan G. Komen Foundation](http://www.susankomen.org). Presenting these checks reaffirmed their sense of accomplishment. When the project was originally announced they received a tremendous, compassionate response and from there the participation grew. Seeing this support for the cause was one way to demonstrate how much awareness was raised. The month of October at Crystal Lake South High School was truly dedicated to breast cancer awareness. Through this experience, these students learned that nothing is unreachable! As a community, Crystal Lake South has touched and improved the lives of many women who suffer from this disease. This event not only brought the school together, but also helped save lives.

Additional resources:

www.nbcam.org (National Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

www.cancer.org (American Cancer Society)

www.komen.org (Susan G. Komen Foundation)

4. Shelter Island High School, Shelter Island, NY

Project: NHS Cardboard Campout for Habitat for Humanity

Adviser: Janine Mahoney

During the week leading up to November 10th, Shelter Island High School's nine National Honor Society members could be found nervously discussing the weekly forecast in the hallway, or sneaking glances at weather.com in class. At lunch, they mused over the best legging-layering techniques, and pondered the logistics of water-proofing a cardboard box. These might seem like bizarre behaviors for a group of seniors who should've been planning for the spring class trip, or churning out college applications. But they had a more urgent task at hand.

It all began at a routine Friday morning NHS meeting. The members sleepily stumbled into the school library. The chapter had discussed working with the Long Island branch of Habitat for Humanity during previous meetings, but before they could begin any building, they had to raise the money. They'd set an initial goal at \$1000, but had no idea how they were going to raise the money. They surmised that if even half of their small town's population turned up for a car wash or a bake sale, they would be far below the funds needed to start their building project. President Emily Gibbs had an idea, the likes. "A cardboard campout," she declared, "To raise money and awareness!" The idea was to have local businesses and community members pledge a certain amount for each hour they camped out on the school lawn, or to make a flat donation. Each member would be responsible for earning at least \$100 of pledge money.

Before bringing Emily's idea to fruition, they needed to have several things in place. First, they needed the approval of the school administration and permission to use the school facilities that evening. Next, they needed a fire permit from the town they could set up a burn barrel near their "camp." Not only did the town quickly fulfill the request for a permit, they even donated and set up the barrel. Other community members graciously supplied firewood, allowing them to stay toasty during the chilly November night. Jernick Moving and Storage, a local business, provided the "shelters" – 5 x 3 cardboard boxes, just big enough for their heads to peek out and gaze at the starry sky. The local newspaper covered the campout, increasing interest and awareness, while a member's mother provided Chinese food for the evening's meal.

As November 10th approached, it seemed that all preparations were in place and they had everything needed to brave a brisk autumn night in New York. The only thing that could foil their plans was the rain – and the forecast called for a pretty good chance of it. After school that day, the NHS members returned home to load cars with sleeping bags, flashlights, lawn chairs, and snacks. Each member staked out a box and arranged them in a sort of cul-de-sac, and used the extra cardboard to make a common sitting area out the mouth of their "street." They then wrapped the boxes with tarps — a desperate attempt at protection from precipitation.

The atmosphere of the cardboard campout was a warm and inviting one. TJ Dalton strummed his guitar, while Kaela Loriz baked apples, spiced with cinnamon, over the fire. Passersby stopped by to inquire about the event or to partake in our bake sale, which gave the members a chance to explain their cause and gather more donations. After sunset, other members of the student body arrived. Soon the party of nine had increased to include half of the high school.

At midnight, non-NHS members departed and the chapter members drifted off to sleep. They departed for home at 6:30 AM after spending 14.5 hours camped out on the school lawn. They far exceeded their original goal, raising a total of \$3219, earning the NHS chapter two days of building on site with Habitat for Humanity.

The idea of the Cardboard Campout had been to make money for Habitat for Humanity and to create a level of awareness in our community. But as they prepared to spend one night sleeping outside, they were thoughtful of those on Long Island who were bedding down with fewer luxuries and in far worse conditions, with countless nights of the same fashion ahead of them. While these members had snacks and dinner to look forward to, others did not. They could add an extra layer when it got cold, go home when the rain started, but others are not so fortunate. Habitat for Humanity provides one of the most basic human needs; shelter. While these chapter members set out to raise community awareness, it was these nine who learned the most from this experience.

Additional resource:

www.habitat.org (Habitat for Humanity)

5. Marian Central Catholic High School, Woodstock, IL

Project: Food Fight

Adviser: Dr. Glenn Pinnau

People tend to feel most generous around Christmastime, giving their time and extra change to charities and soup kitchens. Unfortunately, the need for food and other necessities continues year-round, especially with the recent downturn of the economy. In March of 2009, Marian Central Catholic High School's Bishop Lane chapter of National Honor Society was called upon to meet this need in a local food pantry. Adviser Dr. Glenn Pinnau received a call from Deacon Hans Rokus at a local parish, notifying him of the empty shelves in area food pantries. Deacon Rokus had heard of the chapter's past successful projects and thus saw fit to call upon them. Chapter officers, eager to serve the needs of the community, immediately met to discuss how to make the canned food drive as successful as possible.

The officers recognized that the success of this project greatly depended on the participation of the student body, who would be asked to donate food to the drive. As the school requires its students to wear uniforms, out-of-uniform days are usually effective incentives to participate in the project. They concluded that a competition with the reward of a dress-down day would make for a successful project. This conclusion led to the development of the "Food Fight," a competition among the English classes to collect the most cans for the drive.

Within a school week of being notified of the need for food in our community, the chapter had begun advertising for the "Food Fight" that would take place the following week. Officers and members were divided into committees that were each responsible for one or two aspects of the project. The advertising committee created posters and wrote announcements to be read over the school intercom. The communication committee contacted the Woodstock Food Pantry to determine which items were most greatly needed and organize drop-off, collaborated with the school administration to ensure that everything would run smoothly, and wrote memos to the English teachers to enlist their support and notify them of the details of the drive. An operations committee was responsible for placing bins in each of the English classrooms, and collecting and counting the cans each day of the competition.

Finally, on Friday afternoon, the drive came to a close, and it was time to count the cans. Most of the members stayed after school to help, but the task was so huge that it took several hours and the help of over a dozen non-member students to sort, count, and package all of the food. When all was said and done, over 6,000 food items had been collected to donate to the pantry. Before they could celebrate this success, however, they encountered a problem: the Woodstock food pantry did not have enough storage space to accommodate all of the food. But too much food was a good problem. It meant they had an opportunity to donate to another local food pantry, the Boone County Food Pantry, whose managers were only too happy to take the extra food off their hands.

The Marian Central Catholic High School chapter of the National Honor Society could not have been more pleased with the outcome of this opportunity to meet the needs of the community. They were extremely impressed with and grateful for the participation and support of the student body and faculty. The worth of the project cannot be determined simply by the number of cans collected or the effective collaboration and coordination necessary to make it successful, but rather by the impact that their efforts made on the food pantry coordinators and their clients. Nothing can outweigh the tear-filled eyes of the food pantry coordinator at the sight of three cars full of food, just as her stores were being depleted. The appreciative disposition of the elderly man at the Woodstock food pantry who readily supplied smiles lightened the loads of food as they were carried into the basement and made this work worth every minute. Even more so, the faces of the parents carrying the collected goods home to their families helped chapter members fully realize the importance and reason behind their hard work.

Additional resources:

Tips for Food Drives [<http://www.nhs.us/Content.aspx?topic=60935>]
www.feedingamerica.org (the national food bank network)

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6. Duluth Middle School, Duluth, GA

Project: Making a Difference: Support our Troops Campaign

Adviser: Sylvia Barteaux

Duluth Middle School's NJHS felt the urgency to do something in support of troops fighting overseas. They decided to send Christmas Packages to troops serving in the **Alpha Company 1st Battalion 121st Infantry Georgia National Guard**. They wanted to send 125 Christmas Packages to the troops in the Afghanistan Mountains just outside of Zormat, Afghanistan. These packages contained chewing gum, toothbrushes/toothpaste, DVDs, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, and snacks. Overall, they wanted to make certain that the soldiers know that the members are always praying for them and are doing everything they can to support them.

Chapter members began by gathering donations for the 125 Christmas packages. In order to accomplish this feat, they organized a school-wide donation drive. For two-weeks, students from Duluth Middle School donated items for the packages. With participation from the entire school, they soon reached their goal. Following the collection, they put in countless hours before and after school sorting and packaging 125 bags for the troops. In each bag members placed a toothbrush, toothpaste, 2 packs of gum, snacks, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, Chap Stick, and a small Christmas ornament. After approximately one week with joint efforts from members, teachers, and volunteers, they managed to pack 125 large zip-lock bags filled with items and plenty of love. Following this, they created a banner with the school name and signatures of all of the NJHS members. After all the bags were filled, they still had roughly five boxes filled with toothpaste, shaving cream, and many other items. They decided to donate all of the extra items to [Hugs for Our Soldiers](#), a non-profit volunteer organization that has been supporting our troops since 2003.

The next step was to ship the packages to Afghanistan. Fortunately, the local chapter of the organization Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored the shipping cost. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is an organization that "*honors the dead by helping the living*" thorough veterans' service, community service, and other good works. After one month of teamwork, the boxes reached soldiers in Afghanistan. The soldiers received the packages and were extremely thankful to Duluth Middle School for the support and the gift bags. As a token of their appreciation, the infantry sent the students a banner of their own.

The students and staff at Duluth Middle School spent many painstaking hours carrying out their service project. All of the members of the chapter and the student body at Duluth Middle School contributed towards the success of this project. Without the students' donations, this project would not have been as successful. More than 50 hours of work was put into making this project a success. The members were successful in bringing the joy of the Holiday Season to our brave soldiers.

Additional resources:

www.hugsforoursoldiers.org

<http://www.ourmilitary.mil/help.shtml> (resources from the U.S. Dept. of Defense)

7. Edith Wagar Middle School, Carleton, MI

Project: Turkey Gobbler

Adviser: Judi Pershing

Over the years, Edith Wagar's National Junior Honor Society has been focused on bettering their community. With a slowing in the car industry and an economy in recession, they are trying to make a difference in the lives of families that have been hit hard within the area. With the support of the local church and the school's Community Education program, Wagar's Turkey Gobbler Contest was designed to help families in the area put Thanksgiving on the table.

A committee of National Junior Honor Society Members created the guidelines, designed and created the turkeys, and distributed the "Gobbler Packets." After meeting with Community Education Director Kim Weeg, they set a fundraising goal of \$500.00. NJHS member Kennedy Horn's turkey design was selected by the committee. The committee then met in the library to create 40 featherless turkeys and cut out 1,000 turkey feathers. Gobbler packets were assembled, along with the rules and guidelines for the contest. Teachers would receive a featherless turkey to be displayed in their classrooms and one gobble packet, complete with feathers, rules and \$2.00 in change. The rules stated that for every 4 feathers a student purchased they would receive a ticket for one of 3 gift cards that would be drawn daily.

Beginning on November 16th, teachers were able to sell a paper feather for .25 cents. The students could then place the turkey feather on their favorite teacher's turkey throughout the day. At the end of the day, members had to collect packets and redistribute them the next morning with additional feathers. During 6th hour, the treasurer counted the money, rolled the quarters and reported the standings. Ashley Epoch and Nicole Sprinkles wrote daily announcements to keep the contest exciting. Teachers turkeys grew bigger and bigger and some even totally encased their door. At the end of the week, the chapter raised \$1,013.00!

The final step was to contact a local grocery store and make arrangements to purchase groceries for each of the families in need. The five NJHS officers had enough money to purchase bread, cereal and much more for each family, including Thanksgiving dinner meals. The items were taken to Carleton United Methodist Church where they were sorted by the members. School policy prevented the members from being able to deliver the baskets of food, so teachers, members of the church, and friends spent about a half hour each delivering them. As a result of the hard work and giving spirit of the members of Wagar's National Junior Honor Society and student body, fifty-four families had a great Thanksgiving!

Adviser Judy Pershing congratulated all of the members during their December meeting. The fact that they brightened up 54 families' holiday made them realize they could do anything if they put their minds to it. Mrs. Pershing suggested that the members put this project on their permanent list for the future because of the success.

Additional resource:

<http://www.nhs.us/Content.aspx?topic=28306> (Thanksgiving project ideas)

8. Madison Park Elementary School, Phoenix, AZ

Project: Breast Cancer Awareness Week

Adviser: Leah Jenks

In the month of October NJHS chapter at Madison Park Elementary School held a week long fundraiser for breast cancer. They learned that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and set out to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Research Foundation. This foundation not works to find a cure for breast cancer but also raises awareness about breast cancer. The original goal of the project was to raise \$1000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. With the money, the foundation can research new treatments to help those who have been diagnosed.

On Friday, October 2nd, the entire school filed into the gymnasium, and NJHS students presented a slideshow on the prevalence and consequences of breast cancer. During the assembly they invited a breast cancer survivor who spoke of her experience fighting and surviving the horrible disease. They then asked the student body to show their support throughout the following week by buying pink breast cancer awareness bracelets, sharing the names of breast cancer victims and survivors and finally in helping paint the campus pink during a special pink casual dress day.

During the week of October 5th NJHS members sold 600 breast cancer awareness bracelets for a dollar each before school. Families and students wore the bracelets everyday that week and continued after the week was over. Many parents and children purchased the bracelets to give to friends and family members as well. Students and teachers filled out pink ribbons with name of a loved one that had breast cancer, both those who survived and those who lost their battle with the disease. Over 100 ribbons were displayed in our school cafeteria for the week in remembrance of their struggle with cancer. Finally, on Friday, October 9th they hosted a pink "dress down" day (students normally wear uniforms.) They encouraged students to dress in pink for \$1, or pay \$2 and dress in any color they chose, if they did not own pink attire. 75% of the student body, more than 520 students, came to school wearing pink or cancer awareness shirts.

The entire week was an amazing success. More students than expected participated, in the various events and the project was recognized for its significance in the Arizona Republic local Phoenix section. The members kept a person-sized ribbon in the cafeteria that was colored as the total grew from donations and bracelet sales. By the end of the week, the ribbon was full and the goal was exceeded. They raised more than \$1500 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, \$500 dollars more than the original goal. Although they exceeded our monetary goal, the real achievement was in the way the student body and faculty of Madison Park worked together in their effort to raise awareness and help prevent cases of breast cancer. The sea of pink shirts on campus was evidence of their unity and teamwork. The members of NJHS were ecstatic to see the results of their efforts and to know how many people we were helping. They are eager to repeat and expand the event next year.

Additional resources:

www.komen.org (Susan G. Komen Foundation)

www.nbcam.org (national breast cancer awareness month)

9. Hebron Middle School, Hebron, IN

Project: Haunted House

Adviser: Dan Pastrick

Imagine being a young child, and being told that Santa was not going to be visiting you that year, even though you had been good. The Hebron National Junior Honor Society noticed this need, and what started as an enjoyable project became an event to benefit the community.

About ten years ago, Hebron NJHS members decided to put on a Haunted House as a “just for fun” project. It was such a big hit with the members, that around the same time the next year, the Haunted House opened to the public. The goal of the Haunted House has been to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for less fortunate families in Hebron who are unable to afford a Christmas. Due to hard economic times, NJHS members realized the need was greater than ever before; therefore, the goal in 2009 was to exceed funds raised in all past years and to provide more families with Christmas gifts. By putting on the Haunted House, Hebron NJHS raised enough money to provide Christmas gifts for twenty families.

Preparation began months before the event. All members had to vote on a theme and the route the haunted house would take around the school. Groups were created, each group being in charge of a separate section or room of the Haunted House. Many meetings were held by individual groups, including planning time with parents. Then, at monthly meetings, groups would share their ideas and discuss rules to follow. The night before and the morning of the event, at least five hours were spent setting up the rooms.

The Haunted House was a two night event. The first night was four hours and the second night was two and a half. Approximately, fifty-two members participated in the event. In addition, many past NJHS members, school staff, parents, and middle school students helped supervising rooms during the haunted house to make sure everything ran smoothly, guiding visitors through the designated route so nobody got lost, and one group was designated to be in charge of the Kiddie Area. The Kiddie Area was a special room where children too young to go through the Haunted House could stay and do fun activities. This year, nine hundred tickets were purchased. An astonishing \$2700 was earned, exceeding all previous years!

With that money, twenty NJHS members were selected to go shopping at Wal-Mart. They were chosen by their peers based on their excellent work at the haunted house. Shoppers were given wish lists with items, sizes, and budgets. Members selected items like Hannah Montana dolls and Ben-Ten watches for some of the younger children and items like digital cameras and mp3 players for the older children. Then, additional members joined them back at the school to wrap the overwhelming amount of gifts.

The Haunted House was full of life lessons. Members discovered the importance of planning and preparation. Cooperation was necessary between members, parents, and the adviser. Members learned to budget their time and money while shopping. But the greatest lesson learned, was how important it is to help less fortunate kids at Christmas time. Some of these parents had to tell their children that Santa Claus would not be able to come this year, but we, with the help of our parents, teachers, and community, were able to make this dream come true.

10. Northwest Middle School, Florissant, MO

Project: St. Louis Crisis Nursery

Adviser: Emem Ituen

The Knights Chapter of the National Junior Honors Society discovered the St. Louis Crisis Nursery through one of their members. Due to current economic conditions, there are large number of foreclosures and unemployment in their community. While discussing options for community service, a member shared how she spent the day at the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. She explained that the nursery housed children at risk for child abuse or that have families in crisis. She touched many of the members with her compelling story of her day there, and so they decided so commit service their service hours to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery to make hug blankets for the children and hold a fundraiser to raise funds for the supplies. The main goal of this service project was to be able to aid the nursery in their efforts in creating a safe place for at-risk children.

All members of the Knights Chapter of NJHS put in many hours of work towards this project. They stayed after school to make hug blankets, and banners and schedules for the fundraiser and spirit week. The student body and families in the Hazelwood community were very supportive. They made donations during spirit week, and bought items from the fundraisers, making it easier for the chapter to complete their project.

They raised \$1000 to donate to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery, and sent many baskets full of blankets, baby items, and toys for the children in the nursery. They consider their service project highly successful, having accomplished all of their goals: raising money for the nursery, creating homemade items, and donating supplies to aid the nursery in creating a safe place for the children who rely on the St. Louis Crisis Nursery to meet their most basic needs.

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These ten chapters can be very proud of all that they've accomplished through their service to their schools and communities.

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