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Special Edition Newsletter – 2008-2009 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council



"Leadership in Action"

From the Founders

Education in Action is proud to announce the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council program's highest rate of participation since its inception seven years ago. A record 117 outstanding young Texans, (11% of summer 2008 Lone Star Leadership Academy participants) successfully completed the program requirements this school year. Members represented all regions of the state including 68 school districts, two charter schools, two private schools and one home school. This special edition newsletter highlights each of these students and their accomplishments as members of the 2008-2009 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council.

Program and Purpose

Each summer, outstanding 5th-8th graders from across the state are selected to participate in Education in Action's Lone Star Leadership Academy program. During this weeklong experience participants travel to Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin or Houston/Galveston to develop leadership skills and experience what they are learning in school through visits to historically, politically and environmentally significant Texas sites. Lone Star Leadership Academy alumni are invited to participate in Education in Action's alumni organization, the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council.

The Lone Star Youth Leadership Council program provides members with continued leadership training during the school year. This year's program included leadership skills lessons on courage, communication and being the best 'you'. Members were also tasked with putting their leadership skills into action by creating and leading a service project to fill a need they identified in their school or community. Project requirements included finding a teacher/sponsor, creating a project action plan, incorporating the assistance of at least two of their peers and documenting their project in pictures as well as text. Another leadership development opportunity for members is to return on Education in Action's programs as Youth Facilitators.

Recognition Ceremony and Reception

On February 28, 2009, Education in Action honored the 2008-2009 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members at its 7th Annual Texas Independence Day Service Project Presentation and Recognition Ceremony at Education in Action in Keller, Texas. Thirty-one members from all regions of the state presented their projects and accomplishments at the ceremony and received their certificates of completion. Keynote speaker, **Ms. Susie Garcia Cargill**, Business Consultant, McDonald's USA, LLC, provided an interactive presentation on the importance of goal setting and how the path taken to reach goals can be different for each individual leader. To conclude the ceremony attendees enjoyed Texas birthday cake and visited with the honorees about their projects. Honorees unable to attend the event submitted project portfolios which were on display. Education in Action celebrated these outstanding young students' contributions the weekend of Texas Independence Day in honor of the organization's mission to *empower young Texans to be informed and active leaders in their communities.*



Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members that attended Education in Action's 7th Annual Texas Independence Day Service Project Presentation and Recognition Ceremony, February 28, 2009.

The Education in Action staff commends the accomplishments of the 2008-2009 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members. We look forward to your participation in future Education in Action programs and to watching you grow and achieve throughout your educational career and beyond.

Jennifer Pasteur
Executive Director & Founder

Monica Hayes
Educational Outreach Director & Founder

2008-2009 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council Members and Service Projects

A list of 2008-2009 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members by school district follows along with the title of each member's service project and their project sponsor. Members with an asterisk (*) before their name attended, and presented their projects at, the February 28th recognition ceremony and are included in the picture on page one.

Amarillo ISD

Hayley McLaugh, 6th grader, **Bonham Middle,** 1st Year Member

Project: Caprock High Teacher Appreciation. Sponsor: Elaine Hyer, Senior Counselor, Caprock High.

Atlanta ISD

***Meagan VanDevender,** 9th grader, **Atlanta High,** 1st Year Member

Project: Canned Food Drive for Rebecca's Pantry – Meagan recruited two volunteers to help her collect canned goods and boxed and packaged foods which she donated to Rebecca's Pantry, a local food pantry that serves her community. The 156 food items collected were distributed to 15 families. Meagan stated, "I encountered several setbacks along the way, but working through them made me a stronger leader. It felt good to give back to my community. By helping others, it gave me a feeling of connectedness and the satisfaction of at least trying to make the world a better place." Sponsor: Judy Ragsdale, Board Member, Rebecca's Pantry.



Boerne ISD

***Sydney Hodge,** 6th grader, **Currington Elementary,** 1st Year Member

Project: Daily Bread Food Drive. Sponsor: Marcie Warner, Counselor, Currington Elementary.



Brazos ISD

Shannon Kahlden, 9th grader, **Brazos High,** 2nd Year Member

Project: To Honor Those Who Serve – Shannon recruited her P.E. class to help her make a window display honoring all Brazos High graduates who have gone on to serve in any branch of the military. Shannon stated, "I had to make many important decisions and had many responsibilities. Using my leadership

skills, I was able to overcome any challenge I was faced with." Sponsor: Sharon Easter, CATE/PE Teacher, Brazos High.



Brownsville ISD

Lauren Rogers, 9th grader, **Hanna High,** 1st Year Member

Project: Helping Hands - Native Plant Project. Sponsor: Diana Williams, Science Department Chair/Ecology Club Sponsor, Hanna High.

Caldwell ISD

Estephania Zermeno, 6th grader, **Caldwell Middle,** 1st Year Member

Project: Special Olympics Training Support. Sponsor: Kimmy Anderson, Special Education Teacher, Caldwell Intermediate.

Canyon ISD

Dalton McKillip White, 6th grader, **Greenways Intermediate,** 1st Year Member

Project: South Georgia Elementary Tutoring. Sponsor: Sam Bye.

Carroll ISD

Ryan Nolan, 8th grader, **Dawson Middle,** 1st Year Member

Project: Feed the Teachers. Sponsor: Carolyn Pruitt, Teacher, Dawson Middle.

***Kevin O'Brien,** 7th grader, **Dawson Middle,** 1st Year Member



Project: Lunch With Life Skills – Kevin recruited ten students to sit with students in the Life Skills class in groups of three or four during their regular lunch period, each group alternating weeks. The Life Skills students had lunch and the opportunity to make new friends with different groups of students. Kevin stated, "I ran into setbacks and problems, but the program was received with great excitement and is a fantastic learning opportunity. I learned how to organize and execute a service project for the community." Sponsor: Melinda Mason, Special Education Teacher, Dawson Middle.

Cassandra and Shannon Shankman, 11th graders, **Carroll Senior High,** 4th Year Members

Project: Hurricane Aid. Sponsor: Liz Tyler, French Teacher, Carroll Senior High.

Celina ISD

Kayla Dunning, 7th grader, **Celina Middle,** 2nd Year Member

Project: Project Linus. Sponsor: Dottie Myers, Math Teacher, Celina Middle.

Clear Creek ISD

Jack Baumann, 6th grader, **Westbrook Intermediate**, 1st Year Member

Project: IKE Neighborhood Clean Up. Sponsor: Dennis Fouty, President, Bay Forest Community Association.

Maria Kryuchkova, 8th grader, **Westbrook Intermediate**, 1st Year Member

Project: Greeting Cards for the Elderly. Sponsor: Jamie Presley, Art Teacher, Westbrook Intermediate.

Kendall Palmer, 7th grader, **Seabrook Intermediate**, 2nd Year Council Member

Project: Beaded Crafts for Cancer. Sponsor: Amanda Bass, Family/Consumer Science Teacher, Seabrook Intermediate.

Alanna Winfield, 8th grader, **Westbrook Intermediate**, 3rd Year Member

Project: Hurricane Ike Survivors. Sponsor: Keith Raney, Band Director, Westbrook Intermediate.

Conroe ISD

***Teddie Andritsos**, 8th grader, **McCullough Junior High**, 2nd Year Member

Project: Blankets for Teens. Sponsor: Brooke Fiedler, Teacher, McCullough Junior High.



Coppell ISD

Vivek Kolli, 8th grader, **Coppell Middle School North**, 1st Year Member

Project: Safe Coppell Sidewalks. Sponsor: Gary Hayden, Social Studies Teacher, Coppell Middle North.

***Ryan Maloney**, 8th grader, **Coppell Middle North**, 1st Year Member

Project: Read with Ryan – Ryan worked with two student volunteers and his family to collect and organize 569 books by gender, grade and language (English and Spanish) to give to the students of Jensen Elementary. These students were all victims of Hurricane Ike. The books were given to the students to replace their book collections at home. Each student received at least one book. Ryan stated, “I was a victim of Hurricane Katrina and when I heard that the students of Lakeside Elementary were collecting money to help Jensen Elementary buy needed school supplies, I knew I could help, too. I contacted the principal, Candy Bernsen, and asked what they needed. She gave two suggestions and I chose the book drive because I love to read. It was very challenging to find books so specific for each student but with the help of a team of volunteers and very caring donors, we did it! This project showed me that many people care and even with many setbacks, you can still accomplish your goal!” Sponsor: DeLana Attaway, Language Arts Teacher, Coppell Middle School North.



Meghan Patel, 8th grader, **Coppell Middle North**, 1st Year Member

Project: Book Drive for Cook Children's Hospital. Sponsor: Rhonda Richardson, Summer Programs Director, Education in Action.

Copperas Cove ISD

***Jenifer Sparke**, 9th grader, **Copperas Cove High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Halloween/Keep the Children Safe Night. Sponsor: Tonya Anderson, Teacher, Copperas Cove High.



Cotton Center ISD

Abbie Burnett, 7th grader, **Cotton Center Junior High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Toys for Abused Children – Abbie found volunteers to help her collect 50 stuffed animals which were given to the Crisis Center of the Plains, an organization that serves runaway and abused children. The children at the Crisis Center of the Plains benefited by getting a friend to comfort them in scary times.

Abbie stated, “I feel like I accomplished something great and have an awesome feeling towards the people at the crisis center and towards myself.” Sponsor: Sharla Straw, Teacher, Cotton Center ISD.



Carolyn Markle,
Lone Star Youth
Leadership Council
Program Coordinator

“These students are some of the best and brightest in our schools today. All of them are already ‘busy’ – involved in local school clubs, National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society, sports, music, drama, scouting, church activities and community functions. The Lone Star Youth Leadership Council program takes a good amount of their time also. They performed admirably in all aspects of the program and the work of the group as a whole was very impressive. The scope of the service projects and their passion for finding a need and then a way to address it just blew me away. Their reservoir of creativity seemed bottomless. It was an absolute joy to get to know these students, even if only by e-mail, and to be involved, in a small way, in their education and development as future leaders.”

Denton ISD

***Anthony Pascullo**, 7th grader, **Harpool Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Harpool Marquee Beautification Project** – Anthony coordinated with a local landscaper and his school's student council to build a flower bed around the school marquee. This project was completed to attract attention to the marquee from students and parents who drive by the school. Anthony stated, "It was extremely challenging to coordinate with the landscaper, local businesses, and the student council to get the project done within my time frame. I actually learned how to organize a big project which had many steps to complete. Everyone who helped, from the Harpool Student Council to the businesses, supported the project and now it will be enjoyed by everyone for years to come." Sponsor: **Amy Conine**, Expo Specialist/Student Council Sponsor, Harpool Middle.*



Eanes ISD

Maddie Bitting and **Grace Robertson**, 7th graders, **Hill Country Middle**, 1st Year Members

*Project: **Faculty Meeting Gifts**. Sponsor: **Kathleen Sullivan**, Principal, Hill Country Middle.*

Alex Hefner, 9th grader, **Westlake High**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Mobile Loaves and Fishes Candy Collection**. Sponsor: **Kitty Mellenbruch**, Teacher, Westlake High.*

Ector County ISD

Mikayla Ballew, 7th grader, **Bowie Junior High**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Trash Pickup from Streets and School Recycling Project**. Sponsor: **Lindsey Raines**, Student Council Sponsor, Bowie Junior High.*

Eden Consolidated ISD

Dava Smetana, 9th grader, **Eden High**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Teacher and Staff Appreciation** – Dava recruited two volunteers to help her make treats for the staff and faculty at her school for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Dava took on this project to show the staff and faculty at her school that they are all appreciated. Dava stated, "The gratitude I received while delivering the goodies proved how much the teachers loved knowing that they are appreciated. I realize that teaching is one of the most important yet also the most underpaid and overworked jobs in the United States and I'm truly grateful for for the opportunity to show them that we, the students, appreciate what they do." Sponsor: **Jenny Sanders**, Teacher/Coach, Eden High.*

Ennis ISD

***Sydney Pechal**, 6th grader, **Ennis Sixth Grade Center**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Teacher In-Service Come-and-Go Lunch** – Sydney recruited two friends to help her serve Subway sandwich lunches to sixty teachers at her school. She wanted to show her appreciation to all the teachers at her school for dedicating their lives to preparing students for the future. Sydney collected money from local businesses and a few individuals to fund her project. Sydney stated, "Although I was nervous asking for donations, I gained some confidence as I saw how generous people could be. I loved seeing how grateful the teachers were as the lunch was served. It was a fantastic and fun experience." Sponsor: **Caren Lawrence**, Social Studies and Science Teacher, Ennis Sixth Grade Center.*



Forney ISD

Dylan Price, 9th grader, **Forney High**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Food Drive for Food Bank**. Sponsor: **Jeanne Brady**, Department Chair, Warren Middle.*

Friona ISD

Ryan DeWit, 9th grader, **Friona High**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Adopt a Highway**. Sponsor: **Josh McDonald**, Controller, High Plains Dairy.*

Frisco ISD

***Nicole Bordman**, 6th grader, **Wester Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Traveling Library**. Sponsor: **D'Ann Calams**, Pre-AP Math Teacher, Webster Middle.*

Rachel Brooks, 8th grader, **Fowler Middle**, 2nd Year Member

*Project: **Operation P.A.W.S.** Sponsor: **Jill Bellomy**, Librarian, Fowler Middle.*



***Andrea Shaver**, 8th grader, **Scoggins Middle School**, 2nd Year Member



*Project: **The Gift** – Andrea recruited a group of friends to make 45 cards which they delivered to residents in a local nursing home. Sponsor: **Katie Resetch**, GT Facilitator, Scoggins Middle.*

Tori Stephens, 6th grader, **Clark Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Firemen Appreciation Dinner**. Sponsor: **Lisa Stevenson**, Teacher, Clark Middle.*

Georgetown ISD

Shelby Larsen, 7th grader, **Forbes Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Music on the Move. Sponsor: Ronald Smith, Science Teacher/Student Council Advisor, Forbes Middle.

Grand Prairie ISD

Thomas Hunter Bowen, 8th grader, **John Adams Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Candy Cane Grams – Thomas recruited friends to help him make and sell Candy Cane Grams. The money raised was donated to the John A. Dubiski Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships to college bound graduating seniors. Thomas stated, “It took countless hours of dedication and determination selling, making and delivering these Candy Cane Grams. Through all the toil of burning my hands countless times with the glue gun, I realized that this project will benefit somebody greatly in their quest toward a higher education.” Sponsor: Melynn Bowen, Math Department Chair, John Adams Middle.



***Lindsey Morrison**, 11th grader, **South Grand Prairie High**, 5th Year Member



Project: Coat and Blanket Drive – Lindsey collected 104 coats which she donated to the Grand Prairie Co-op Drive and Jonathan's Place in Dallas, Texas. Lindsey stated, “It was nice knowing that for the third year in a row I was able to help so many people stay warm this winter.” Sponsor: Reverend Andrew Semler, Priest, St. Michael the Archangel Church.

Grand Saline ISD

Jenelle Milam, 9th grader, **Grand Saline High**, 2nd Year Member

Project: Gift Baskets for the Elderly for Christmas – Jenelle recruited seven volunteers to help pack and deliver gift baskets with items that people from her school provided to 17 elderly nursing home residents for Christmas. Jenelle stated, “They were very happy to receive the gift baskets because these were individuals who do not have family who are able to see them often. Even though it was harder than I imagined the rewards of seeing their faces when they got the gift baskets made all the hard work worthwhile.” Sponsor: Donna Taylor, Advisor/Student Council, Grand Saline High.



Grapevine-Colleyville ISD

Taylor Jenkins, 9th grader, **Grapevine High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Grapevine Clean Up. Jimmy Thompson, Teacher, Grapevine High.

Jacob Spangler, 10th grader, **Grapevine High**, 3rd Year Member

Project: Music Has No Boundaries. Sponsor: Barbara Watson, Teacher, Timberline Elementary.

Summer 2009 Youth Facilitators

Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members may return on Lone Star Leadership Academy programs as Youth Facilitators. This role provides members with opportunities to exercise leadership skills by mentoring younger program participants, assisting adult staff with student activities, simulations and program logistics and participating in leadership activities to supplement their role as Youth Facilitators. Education in Action looks forward to working with the following 25 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members that will serve as Youth Facilitators on summer 2009 programs.

Shannon Kahlden,
Brazos ISD

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Kendall Palmer,
Clear Creek ISD

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Alanna Winfield,
Clear Creek ISD

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Teddie Andritsos,
Conroe ISD

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Lindsey Morrison,
Grand Prairie ISD

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Jenelle Milam,
Grand Saline ISD

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Jacob Spangler,
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD

Jeff Trimmer,
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD

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Thad Douglass,
Holliday ISD

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Kyle Wilson,
Holliday ISD

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Sean Grady,
Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD

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Grace Mueller,
Klein ISD

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Jordan James,
Lovejoy ISD

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Neal Potts,
Motley County ISD

Charles Bimler,
North East ISD

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Shannon O'Brian,
Paris ISD

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Grace Li,
Pearland ISD

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Sharon Yang,
Pearland ISD

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D.J. Simpson,
San Angelo ISD

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Sarah Lanford,
Spring Branch ISD

Claire Howard,
Texarkana ISD

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Joseph Lachausse,
Warren ISD

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Courtney Cundall,
Westlake Academy
Charter School

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Elissa Dunlap,
Westlake Academy
Charter School

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Jesse Woodall,
St. Thomas' Episcopal
Private School

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, cont.

*Jeff Trimmer, 9th grader, **Grapevine High**, 3rd Year Member



Project: Canned Food Drive. Sponsor: Scott Berry, Pastor, First Baptist Church/Southlake.

Greenville ISD

Christopher Hazlett, 7th grader, **Greenville Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Greenville Middle School Toy Drive – Christopher organized a toy drive at his school to help struggling families within his school district provide gifts for their children on Christmas morning. He worked with his principal to implement the plan and deliver the items to the families. Christopher recruited three friends to help collect and deliver toys, worked with the local Chick-Fil-A to have a ‘Spirit Night’ which raised extra funds to purchase additional items and shopped for remaining items to fulfill some specific needs. A total of 66 toys and \$105 were collected. Christopher stated, “*This project helped me become a better person and leader by teaching me that we all have times we might struggle, but the kindness of strangers can lift our spirits and get us through tough times.*” *Sponsor: Joseph Mehring, Teacher, Greenville Middle.*

Harper ISD

Caleb Stivers, 7th grader, **Harper Middle**, 1st Year Member



Project: Christmas Presents for Adopt-A-Platoon – Caleb enlisted the help of 28 classmates to collect donations that soldiers in Afghanistan could use and enjoy. He and his mom also bought and filled stockings for the 10 soldiers in the platoon. The soldiers received Christmas stockings filled with candy, coffee, playing cards, hand warmers, popcorn and hot chocolate. They also received toiletries, coffee, candy, magazines and personal hygiene items from the class. Caleb stated, “*I was impressed by how willing and eager my teachers and classmates were to help the soldiers and this project. It was fun and we all felt good doing it.*” *Sponsor: Amy Randle, English Teacher, Harper Middle.*

Holliday ISD

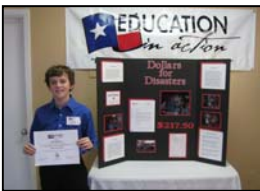
*Thad Douglass and *Kyle Wilson, 9th graders, **Holliday High**, 1st Year Members

Project: CASA Walk-A-Thon. Sponsor: Ronnie Wilson, Journalism and Speech Teacher, Holliday High.



Humble ISD

*Ben Allison, 7th grader, **Riverwood Middle**, 1st Year Member



Project: Dollars for Disasters. Sponsor: Bill Bailey, Head Coach, Eagle Swimming Association.

David Burgos, 7th grader, **Riverwood Middle**, 1st Year Council Member

Project: Go Green. Sponsor: Matt Weeks, Teacher, Riverwood Middle.

Huntsville ISD

Emily Villines, 6th grader, **Huntsville Intermediate**, 1st Year Member

Project: Team Luncheon. Sponsor: Brenda Schultz, Teacher, Huntsville Intermediate.

Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD

*Edem Fagbolagun, 8th grader, **Central Junior High**, 1st Year Member



Project: Helping Ike Victims. Sponsor: Dziwornu Ladzekpo, Owner, New World Tech and Supply.

Sean Grady, 9th grader, **Harwood Junior High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Soap and Shampoo Drive for Family Support Services – Sean recruited volunteers from his National Junior Honor Society group to help him create posters and collection boxes to receive donations for Hurst-Eules-Bedford Family Support Services, an organization that helps children and families who are homeless or have been identified as at-risk. The 50 bars of soap and 170 bottles of shampoo and body wash that were collected helped about 100 families that have very little in terms of food, basic hygiene supplies and clothing. Sean stated, “*I was unsure what exactly to expect with this project and hoped it would be successful. It was great working with my friends doing something that would benefit other kids in our district who needed assistance.*” *Sponsor: Heather Cooley, Teacher, Harwood Junior High.*



*Katie King, 6th grader, **Bedford Heights Elementary**, 1st Year Member

Project: Help for Black Beauty Ranch. Sponsor: Stacy Williams, Teacher, Bedford Heights Elementary.

Judson ISD

Kalon Gipson, 6th grader, **Woodlake Hills Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Cleaning Up Woodlake Hills Middle. Sponsor: Kathleen Fenske, Teacher, Woodlake Hills Middle.



Noah Monette, 6th grader, **Metzger Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Fundraiser for Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Sponsor: Mendi Rodriguez, TAG Humanities Teacher, Metzger Middle.

Katy ISD

Jennifer Yang, 9th grader, **Seven Lakes High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Volunteering at Sunrise Assisted Living. Sponsor: Sabrina King, Teacher, Seven Lakes High.

Keller ISD

Danielle Cowley, 7th grader, **Trinity Springs Middle**, 2nd Year Member

Project: Project Linus. Sponsor: Rita Kennedy, Teacher, Trinity Springs Middle.

Mikey Dilworth, 8th grader, **Fossil Hill Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Watauga Heartworm Project. Sponsor: Dwight Borel, U.S. History Teacher, Fossil Hill Middle.

***JeRae Druery**, 10th grader, **Keller High**, 2nd Year Member



Project: Warm Up to Charity. Sponsor: Katie Keyes, Student Council Advisor, Keller High.

Michael Tengvall, 6th grader, **South Keller Intermediate**, 1st Year Member

Project: Reading Buddies – Michael went to Whitley Road Elementary School during his flex/study time on Fridays to help the third grade teacher. He helped the teacher with whatever tasks she asked him to do including giving a spelling test, reading to the students, demonstrating directions and helping students with their reading. Sponsor: Joanie Patrick, Counselor, South Keller Intermediate.

Kerrville ISD

***D.J. Badillo**, 9th grader, **Tivy High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Keeping Our Streets Clean. Sponsor: Austin Clarkson, English/Creative Writing Teacher, Tivy High.

Claire O'Neal, 9th grader, **Tivy High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Neighbors Helping C.A.M. Sponsor: Michelle Tubilla, Spanish Teacher, Tivy High.



Klein ISD

Grace Mueller, 9th grader, **Klein High**, 3rd Year Member

Project: SPCA Towel Drive. Sponsor: Yvette Winship, Teacher/Cheer Sponsor, Klein High.

Topher Mueller, 10th grader, **Klein High**, 3rd Year Member

Project: SPCA Towel Drive. Sponsor: Lamar Schrader, Teacher, Klein High.

Lake Travis ISD

Hannah Evans, 7th grader, **Hudson Bend Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Shake A Leg. Sponsor: Staci Wimbush, Chairman, Mayor's Fitness Council of Lakeway.

Sarah McCormick, 2nd Year Member and **Olivia Thorpe**, 1st Year Member, 7th graders, **Hudson Bend Middle**

Project: Teens Helping Teens – Sarah and Olivia went to 100 houses with a goal of receiving 100 donations for the Austin Children's Shelter, an organization that serves abused and neglected children and teenagers. In the end, they received 482 items to donate to the shelter. In addition, the team raised \$77.00 in cash donations which they also donated to the shelter. Sarah stated, "It was a good feeling knowing I was helping other kids my age." Olivia commented, "This was a great experience. I enjoyed it a lot." Sponsor: Cassie Wheatley, Language Arts Teacher, Hudson Bend Middle.



Alexander St. Onge-Cooper, 6th grader, **Hudson Bend Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Fundraiser for Vista Oaks Assisted Living of Lakeway. Sponsor: Linda Shelton, Director, Vista Oaks Assisted Living of Lakeway.

Lamar CISD

Kaitlyn Po, 8th grader, **Briscoe Junior High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Library Help for Younger Students. Sponsor: Joan Wilton-Rice, Children's Librarian, Fort Bend County Libraries.

Lewisville ISD

***Camille Bose**, 7th grader, **Creek Valley Middle**, 1st Year Member



Project: Love Your Library Books. Sponsor: Elizabeth Lumpkins, Librarian, Creek Valley Middle.

Longview ISD

Andrew O'Connor, 8th grader, **Foster Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: Calculator Tutoring. Sponsor: Doug Childs, GT/Math Teacher, Foster Middle.

Lovejoy ISD

Jordan James, 9th grader, **Lovejoy High**, 1st Year Member

Project: Elementary Help in Library. Sponsor: Patty Jackson, Principal, Lovejoy Elementary.

Lubbock ISD

Nicholas Rudd, 9th grader, **Lubbock High**, 1st Year Member

Project: **Going Green and Gold Beautification Project**. Sponsor: **Kay Geiger**, Teacher, Lubbock High.

Mansfield ISD

Zachary Leaman, 7th grader, **Wester Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: **Soccer for Success**. Sponsor: **DeNae Freeman**, Manager, Eastside YMCA.

Melissa ISD

***Trace Greer**, 6th grader, **Melissa Ridge Intermediate**, 1st Year Member



Project: **Beat Cancer Bike-A-Thon**. Sponsor: **Jeff Platt**, GT Coordinator, Melissa Ridge Intermediate.

Memphis ISD

Wesley Shaffer, 7th grader, **Memphis Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: **Faculty Lunch**. Sponsor: **Matthew Nix**, Teacher/Coach, Memphis Middle.

Midlothian ISD

Marisa Ellis, 8th grader, **Frank Seale Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: **Stuffed Animals for Cook Children's Medical Center**. Sponsor: **Ann Witherspoon**, Texas History Teacher, Frank Seale Middle.



Motley County ISD

Neal Potts, 8th grader, **Motley County**, 1st Year Member

Project: **The Museum Box**. Sponsor: **Lori Alexander**, Teacher, Motley County ISD.

Nacogdoches ISD

JaMaria Conyer, 6th grader, **McMichael Middle**, 1st Year Member

Project: **Animal Shelter Supply Drive**. Sponsor: **Karen Tucker**, Family/Consumer Science Teacher, Texas AgriLife Extension.

North East ISD

Charles Bimler, 9th grader, **Churchill High**, 3rd Year Member



Project: **Thanks for Giving** – Charles raised \$1,500 for the BAMC Fisher House and created a United States flag using small red and white squares on which donors wrote messages and drew pictures for soldiers. The flag is hanging at the BAMC Fisher House for soldiers and their families to read during their stay there. The 48 wounded soldiers recuperating at the BAMC Fisher House, as well as future soldiers who will reside at the BAMC Fisher House, will enjoy the messages of the donors. The messages provide inspiration and show deep gratitude to the soldiers for their service and sacrifice. The money raised will provide necessities for the Fisher House. Charles stated, “I never really knew how much the soldiers gave

for us until I visited the BAMC Fisher House. I can now see and understand their sacrifices and understand what they go through to provide our freedoms.” Sponsor: **Robert Allen**, CEO, Stoic Marketing.

Paris ISD

Shannon O'Brian and **William Domengeaux**, 9th graders, **Paris High**, 1st Year Members

Project: **Warmth for Winter** – William and Shannon received donations of clothing for Justiss Elementary's school nurse, Mindy Maxwell, to distribute to underprivileged children at the school for warmth this winter. Justiss Elementary students who were in need of warm clothes and coats benefited from the donation of over 100 pounds of clothes. The team also received pajamas and underclothes that went to a local women's and children's shelter. William and Shannon both commented, “It was awesome knowing we were helping lots of needy kids.” Sponsor: **Abby Rogers**, Teacher, Paris High.



Kelli Lahman, 7th grader, **Crockett Middle**, 1st Year Council Member

Project: **Fashion Show for Dogs**. Sponsor: **Marlia Harris**, Math Teacher, Crockett Middle.

Pearland ISD

Grace Li, 8th grader, **Berry Miller Junior High**, 3rd Year Member



Project: **Hurricane Act** – Grace, along with her sister Sharon and brother Eric, collected books and clothing for students in Galveston ISD after Hurricane Ike. They distributed flyers, participated in the Learning Skool-House talent show and made bookmarks to sell to raise money for the project. The group collected 700 donated books and 131 articles of clothing and jackets which were given to the 650 students at Parker and Burnet Elementary Schools. Grace commented, “I never thought my heart could glow, but that night, when I realized how much I had truly helped, it did. I cherish the memory of this good deed, because the feeling it gives me is enough for forever.” Sponsor: **Ms. Bridges**, Berry Miller Junior High.

Pearland ISD, cont.

Sharon Li, 6th grader, **Rogers Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Earthquake Act*** – Sharon, along with her sister Grace and brother Eric, made six issues of a newsletter describing the earthquake in Sichuan, China. Her group raised more than \$7,000 through donations, selling bookmarks, selling grocery store certificates and organizing a music concert. Sharon also received a Disney Minnie Grant through Youth Service America to fund the project through May 2009. Sharon and her family travelled to Dujiangyan Sichuan, China and delivered \$1,520.99 to five children who were victims of the earthquake. Each child also received two books and 10 handmade bookmarks. Sharon also donated 61 English books and 80 bookmarks to Wanchuan School and its more than 7,000 students. The \$1,530.75 that was collected and the \$3,092.62 that the music concert raised were sent to American Red Cross, Greater Houston Chapter for China's Earthquake Relief. The last \$1,000 raised will be sent directly to students in Dujiangyan, Sichuan who need it the most. Sharon stated, *"It feels great to know that someone out there is thinking, 'I wish I could meet the person who gave me all these donations,' or 'That person is so kind!' Even though there were some things that we couldn't do and had to work around, the project made me a better person than before."* Sponsor: **Donna Bischof**, Math Teacher, Rogers Middle.



Katie Lumpkin, 8th grader, **Pearland Junior High South**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Pearland Area Health Outreach***. Sponsor: **Sheila Schmidt**, Doctor, Pearland Health Care.

Georgia Neitzey, 8th grader, **Pearland Junior High South**, 2nd Year Member

*Project: **Hurricane Ike Relief***. Sponsor: **Debbie Allensworth**, Associate Pastor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Jacob Scruggs, 6th grader, **Alexander Middle**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Pause For Paws*** – Jacob raised \$101 to care for the pets at his local animal shelter, Pearland Animal Control. The people who donated received a free craft that Jacob and his friends and brothers created. Jacob stated, *"This project was a little difficult to organize, but it was worth it because of the pets we helped."* Sponsor: **Michelle Gifford**, Teacher, Alexander Middle.

Angelene Superable, 8th grader, **Berry Miller Junior High**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **The Angel Project 2008*** – Angelene, Student Council President, recruited all of the art class students at Berry Miller Junior High to create 84

Christmas cards. The cards were delivered to residents with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia at the Hampton at Pearland, an assisted living care facility, for the Angel Project 2008. Angelene stated, *"The feeling I received when I delivered the numerous handmade cards was unbelievable! Giving back to the community is worth all of the hard work, because nothing can compare to the exhilaration that comes across you when you do something for the sake of love."* Sponsor: **Diana Taylor**, Teacher, Berry Miller Junior High.



***Sharon Yang**, 7th grader, **Berry Miller Junior High**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Project R.E.A.D. (Reading, Entertaining And Donating)*** – Sharon recruited nine volunteers to produce posters, flyers and announcements to announce her book drive. The team gathered 481 paper back novels and magazines which were donated to the Patients' Library at M.D. Anderson, the largest cancer center in the United States. The books and magazines will be enjoyed by the patients undergoing cancer treatment. Sharon stated, *"I enjoyed working with different people. Becoming a coherent team and being able to lead them were goals throughout the project, just as important as helping the patients."* Sponsor: **Sheri Bridges**, Librarian, Berry Miller Junior High.

Pflugerville ISD

Kalib Eddings, 6th grader, **Pflugerville Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Project Kid Safety***. Sponsor: **Jennifer Phillips**, Social Studies Teacher, Pflugerville Middle.

Plainview ISD

***Layton Schur**, 8th grader, **Estacado Junior High**, 3rd Year Member

*Project: **Math Flip Folders***. Sponsor: **Misty Johnson**, 8th Grade Math Academic Leader, Estacado Junior High.



Robert Lee ISD

Meagan Ross, 9th grader, **Robert Lee High**, 2nd Year Member

*Project: **S.N.A.C. (Sunday Night After Church)***. Sponsor: **Kathy McCown**, Teacher, Robert Lee ISD.

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Rockwall ISD

***Lina Kim**, 6th grader, **Grace Hartman Elementary**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Canned Food Drive** – Lina recruited three volunteers to help her organize a canned food drive at her school and in her neighborhood. The 160 cans collected were donated to Helping Hands, a retail store that raises money for charity. Lina stated, “At first, I wasn’t sure how to start. It seemed complicated and I was nervous. But as my friends and I started to collect more cans, the pressure went away and we had fun while helping our community. I think we all enjoyed the wonderful experience.” Sponsor: **Tristy Lane**, 6th Grade Teacher, Grace Hartman Elementary.*



Andrew Orozco, 9th grader, **Rockwall Heath High**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Teacher Luncheon**. Sponsor: **Susie Burnett**, 5th Grade Reading Teacher, Jones Elementary.*

Round Rock ISD

Efaine Chang, 7th grader, **Chisholm Trail Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **First Base Tutoring**. Sponsor: **Nitaya Teng**, Youth Intern, Austin Chinese Church - First Base.*

Ellie Gunderson, 6th grader, **Ridgeview Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Service Center Food Bank**. Sponsor: **Erin Appl**, World Cultures Teacher, Ridgeview Middle.*

Henry Tsou, 8th grader, **Ridgeview Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Garage Sale for Food Bank**. Sponsor: **Lori Holmes**, Teacher, Ridgeview Middle.*

San Angelo ISD

***D.J. Simpson**, 9th grader, **Central Freshman Campus**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Plaque Display Case** – D.J. built a plaque case for Central High School. The school now has a place to display sports award plaques that had been sitting in an empty room for years. D.J. stated, “Even though there were some problems along the way it made me a stronger leader. Now the school has a nice place to display their plaques.” Sponsor: **Jennie Thompson**, Teacher, Lamar Elementary.*

Sharyland ISD

Jamie Treviño, 7th grader, **Sharyland North Junior High**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Tribute to Servicemen**. Sponsor: **Monica Thierry**, Math Teacher, Sharyland North Junior High.*

South Texas ISD

***Jackson DeJong**, 8th grader, **South Texas Preparatory Academy**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Helping the Animal Victims of Ike and Dolly** – Through actively requesting donations from local businesses, Jackson received a mountain bike, skate board, Apple I-Pod Nano, HEB \$50 gift card, basket of toys, giant dog bed and a toy shop gift card. All these donations were part of the 'Helping the Animal Victims of Ike and Dolly Raffle' that he held at his school. Through the raffle Jackson raised \$1,025 for the Laguna Madre Humane Society and the Galveston Island Humane Society. Jackson stated, “This project took perseverance, organization and time. The best part was that I met and worked with so many wonderful people including the director of the Laguna Madre Humane Society, various store managers and public relation representatives. This project also brought me closer to my school. I met regularly with my school principal, the team of librarians, various teachers and many student volunteers. Through hard work and the support of my school, it felt wonderful making a contribution to the two humane societies.” Sponsor: **Robin Cramer**, English/Language Arts Teacher and National Junior Honor Society Sponsor, South Texas Preparatory Academy.*



Errol Grannum, 8th grader, **South Texas Preparatory Academy**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Scholarships for B.E.T.A. Graduates**. Sponsor: **Zelinda Perez**, Teacher, South Texas Preparatory Academy.*

Spring Branch ISD

Sarah Lanford and **Lauren Mulloy**, 7th graders, **Spring Branch Middle**, 2nd Year Members

*Project: **Women's Shelter Drive**. Sponsor: **Leslie Correa**, Teacher/Yearbook Advisor, Spring Branch Middle.*

Tucker May, 6th grader, **Spring Branch Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Nets for Life**. Sponsor: **Deacon Gill Keyworth**, Church Deacon, Emmanuel Episcopal Church.*

Temple ISD

Jeanne-Anne Tye, 8th grader, **Travis Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Musical Makeover**. Sponsor: **Will Rachal**, Band Teacher, Travis Middle.*

Texarkana ISD

***Claire Howard**, 9th grader, **Texas High**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Lunch On Us** – Claire recruited four friends to help her make 160 peanut butter sandwiches and serve them to the homeless at the Outreach Center at her church, St. Edward's Catholic Church. Claire stated, "There are many homeless people in the downtown area of Texarkana, and many have small children. They turn to the homeless centers and volunteers to help them with their food, clothing and other necessities. These people received a free, homemade meal from my friends and I. Seeing the faces of people that I had never met light up at the sight of a free lunch made me feel amazing. It's incredible to know I can affect the life of someone I don't even know by making a simple sandwich." Sponsor: **Teri Wilson**, Director of St. Edward's Outreach, St. Edward's Catholic Church.*

Tioga ISD

***Brandon Flores**, 8th grader, **Tioga Middle**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Acquiring American and Texas Flags for Tioga Schools** – Brandon requested a Texas flag flown over the capitol in Austin and an American flag flown over the capitol in Washington D.C. specifically for Tioga Middle School. The citizens of Tioga and the students of Tioga ISD benefited from this service project because whenever a ceremony or official sports game is played in the gym, the flags are available for the national anthem. Brandon stated, "During this service project I had an opportunity to work on my communication skills by contacting various people to acquire the flags. I also gave a presentation to the middle school explaining my service project." Sponsor: **Barbara Cowart**, Teacher, Tioga Middle.*



Tomball ISD

***Truman Dowdy**, 6th grader, **Beckendorf Intermediate**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Beckendorf Buzz Kill**. Sponsor: **Cathy Breeden**, Band Director, Beckendorf Intermediate and Tomball Junior High.*

Victoria ISD

***Skye Franklin**, 6th grader, **Howell Intermediate**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Operation Christmas** – Skye gathered friends, family and church members to donate gifts and money to provide her adopted family with a wonderful Christmas. Skye stated, "My experience during my service project*

*was amazing. It taught me the value of money and how by helping a family one time it made my heart a little bit more open. I also discovered that I really enjoyed helping people and want to do more of it." Sponsor: **Ann Winkenwerder**, English Teacher, Howell Intermediate.*



Warren ISD

***Joseph Lachausse**, 10th grader, **Warren High**, 1st Year Member



*Project: **Help Save Our Furry Friends** – Joseph recruited the Warren High School National Honor Society to help him raise \$809 for the Woodville Animal Shelter's Cat Rescue Program. This no-kill shelter places nearly 100 cats per year in good homes and has a low-cost spaying and neutering program for dogs and cats. To raise money Joseph organized a drawing to win a \$100 gift card from Brookshire Brothers. Brookshire Brothers donated \$50 and Joseph matched that amount from his personal savings. Joseph also sold tickets around town and the local newspaper printed a story about the project. Joseph stated, "My project ran smoothly and many people were willing to donate to my cause. Through this project, I learned that when a part of the community is in need, there are people ready to give a helping*

*hand. I even received a \$200 cash donation from a total stranger who wanted no tickets and no recognition. I thought it was an amazing experience." Sponsor: **Lisa Keating-Knapp**, English Teacher, Warren High.*

Water Valley ISD

J.D. Garcia, 7th grader, **Water Valley**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Groceries for Grape Creek**. Sponsor: **Belinda Poehls**, Church Ministry Support Team, Grape Creek Baptist Church.*

Charter Schools

Courtney Cundall and **Elissa Dunlap**, 9th graders, **Westlake Academy**, 3rd Year Members

*Project: **Fashion for Funds** – Elissa and Courtney held a Fashion Show and Brunch at their school. Forty students, four teachers and three parents participated. Over 100 people attended. Profits from the Fashion Show were donated to Christ's Haven for Children in Keller. Elissa stated, "This is our third year hosting the Fashion Show. I've learned that you can't predict what will go wrong, but whatever it is, there's a way to deal with it." Sponsors: **Simon Aisthorpe**, Math Teacher, Westlake Academy and **Betty Siemer**, Christ Haven's Volunteer Coordinator.*



Charter Schools, cont.

W. Andres Mills Marin, 6th grader, **I.D.E.A. Frontier Academy**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Toiletry and Hygiene Items for the Community** – Andres collected over 1,600 personal hygiene and toiletry items to donate to the elderly and homeless during the holiday season. Items were given to an assisted living center with 80 residents and a local homeless shelter that serves over 1,800 people annually. Andres stated, “By working with my school, local scouts and a local company I was able to accomplish more than I ever imagined possible.” Sponsors: **Mrs. Harris** and **Mr. Posada**, Principals, I.D.E.A. Frontier Academy and College Preparatory.*



Homeschool

Melody Wiley, 7th grader, **Homeschool**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **CESA Walking Trail**. Sponsor: **Marco Barros**, President, Classics Elite Soccer Academy.*

Private Schools

Britt Brandon, 11th grader, **Hyde Park Baptist School**, 5th Year Member



*Project: **Sending Seven Orphans to School** – Britt initiated raising \$1,000 to provide seven orphans at a government-run orphanage in Thailand with tuition to attend school for one year. He involved over 50 people to provide sporting equipment and t-shirts for 50 children in two tribal villages in Chiang-Mai, Thailand. Britt traveled to Chiang-Mai over spring break 2009 to meet the orphans, deliver the donations and do volunteer work at the orphanage and tribal villages. Britt stated, “When we become involved in the lives of others, we find lots of joy. It may seem like hard work trying to reach your goals but nothing compares with giving children hope for their futures. Seeing the orphans receive an education is so*

*satisfying. To know that we have come together and helped someone's future means a lot to me.” Sponsor: **Jennifer Renfro**, Counselor, Hyde Park Baptist School.*

Jesse Woodall, 8th grader, **St. Thomas Episcopal School**, 1st Year Member

*Project: **Children's Books for Operation H.E.A.R.T.** – Jesse recruited nine volunteers to help him organize, collect and count almost 10,000 children's books that were donated at his church and school for victims of Hurricane Ike on Galveston Island. Jesse commented, “In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, I knew I wanted to do something to help the children on Galveston Island. A book drive seemed like the perfect project since so many of their schools were damaged. It was a lot of work, but it was worth it when I saw how grateful the schools were when we delivered all of the books.” Sponsor: **Janice Stewart**, Librarian, St. Thomas Episcopal School.*