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The growth of the homeless is increasing. In the U.S., more than 3.5 million people experience homelessness each year. On a typical night in 2014, more than 578,000 Americans were homeless. Nearly 2.5 million children in America ex-

perienced homelessness in 2013. Simply put, one in every 30 children is without a home. Five percent of people who are in Texas are either in a shelter or on the streets with very little because whatever they have they have to carry around.

During the holidays it can be rough for those who don't have a lot. This year, I have decided to not receive Christmas presents and instead give to people who are not as fortunate.

I made this decision while I was at Red Hot & Blue BBQ for lunch with my mom. We were talking about how we have been so blessed with

give back because I have been in situations where I was not so fortunate, and I know it can be a struggle during the holidays. I want to be the change, and I want to influence others to take a stand. One little donation could make a big difference. There are many things individuals could do to help others in need.

For the last two weeks, students donated gift cards, socks, gloves, and toiletries to the boxes that were in the front of the school that ended on



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Students Taylor Crosby, Shae Daugherty, Zoe Allison, and Jennifer Creech carry Hands 4 Hope Boxes preparing to donate them to the Hands 4 Hope