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TOGETHER, WE CAN

Club 24:12 volunteers at local food drive, raises funds for Africa

Club 24:12 brought together people who wanted to give a voice to the voiceless and support those in need, both locally and around the world.

The club's donated goods and profits to Africa from events that they organize such as Battle of the Bands. Besides helping out in Third World countries, Club 24:12 contributes to the community through food drives and service projects.

"24:12 comes from the Bible verse Proverbs 24:12, which calls us to reach out to those in need all around the world," senior and co-president Shannon Doyle said.

"Ultimately, that is our goal as a club. We go out into the world and make a difference."

The club was brought about by Mr. Helms, whose passion for helping out in Third World countries grew when he adopted a child from Africa.

"From the urge to help outside our city, the club got the idea to sponsor a boy living in Ethiopia," Shannon said. "Since then, the club has continued to donate goods and profits to him."

Club 24:12 grew from a small group of students interested in not only serving their community, but people around the world.

"I joined because I wanted to be part

of a club that didn't just meet weekly after school, but one that went out and made a difference and meant something," senior and president of the club, Moriah Blair said. "Ever since I heard about it, I thought it was the perfect club to be involved with."

The tradition of Battle of the Bands began with the club five years ago.

"We always have an amazing line up of talented students who put on an incredible shows. This year we earned \$560 from tickets and donations," Shannon said. "I couldn't be more proud to lead such a wonderful group."

Although their main focus was on contributing to Africa, Club 24:12 connected

with the community at McKinney Food Pantry, participating in a can food drive.

"The morning of the can food drive, we met at Christ Fellowship and helped bag and load cans into trucks," Moriah said. "Then we drove over to the McKinney Food Pantry and helped order the cans. We sorted hundreds."

Canned foods were organized by type of produce and donated to the McKinney Food Pantry.

"We organized a huge collection of cans from Scare Away Hunger," Moriah said. "It was a simple and fun project everyone could get involved with. It was amazing to see the club work together as a team."

by Nicole Oesterreicher

REACHING OUT

At the McKinney Food Pantry, senior Edward Baca sorts donated can food products into their assigned bins. This was his first time participating in an event with Club 24:12. "Total, we collected hundreds of cans," Edward said. "It was a fun way to give back to the community and hang out with people from our school."



YES WE CAN

Seniors Moriah Blair and Jordan Trant organize cans of food. "It is amazing to be part of an organization that makes a difference," Jordan said. "We raise all this money and send it to somebody in need to help pay for education, food, and clothing."



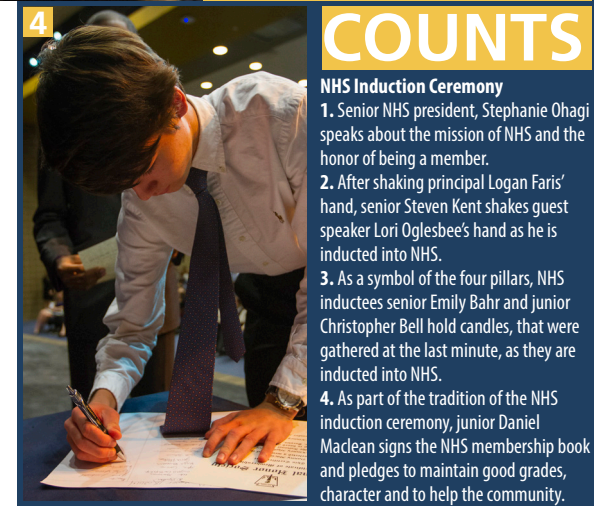
BALANCING ACT

Members of Club 24:12, sophomores Huntley McSwain and Johnny Millar, group can food products based on type of produce. The food was organized by Club 24:12, and donated to the McKinney Food Pantry. "I joined 24:12 because I want to do more for our community," Johnny said. "It is a great club for anyone who is looking to make a difference."

HELPING HAND

At a Club 24:12 food pantry event, senior Shannon Doyle helps sort donated food into their correct bins. This drive was for an event called Scare Away Hunger that helped people, who lived in poverty, receive food. "It's always a great feeling when I help others," Shannon said. "I like being able to donate my time and help other people."

EXPECT MORE



CHARACTER COUNTS

NHS Induction Ceremony

1. Senior NHS president, Stephanie Ohagi speaks about the mission of NHS and the honor of being a member.
2. After shaking principal Logan Faris' hand, senior Steven Kent shakes guest speaker Lori Oglesbee's hand as he is inducted into NHS.
3. As a symbol of the four pillars, NHS inductees senior Emily Bahr and junior Christopher Bell hold candles, that were gathered at the last minute, as they are inducted into NHS.
4. As part of the tradition of the NHS induction ceremony, junior Daniel Maclean signs the NHS membership book and pledges to maintain good grades, character and to help the community.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

STRIKE IT

Partner P.E. bowls

Partner's P.E. members teamed up to bowl with participants from schools around the region for the annual Special Olympics. After the games, partners and their peers gathered around for awards. "It was amazing to see the kids faces light up as they received awards and cheer each other on," junior Lauren Cram said. "I love being in Partner's P.E. and can't imagine not being involved. The kids are incredible and I have formed many strong relationships with them. It's been life changing."

