

# GIVE BACK

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TO THOSE IN NEED

Despite the stereotypes of the average teenage generation, students go above and beyond to lend a helping hand to not only the community but also various organizations outside the city limits.

"It's really fun to help out and hard to put into perspective of how grateful we are to give back," sophomore **Brooklyn Kopecky** said.

Student council offers a service that makes a great impact that keeps on giving.

Four times a year, students 16 years and older give blood to the West Coast Regional Blood Center.

"I give blood because there are so many people in need that can use it for medical purposes," senior **Faith Jenkins** said. "I get so bummed when I can't because I want to be able to make an impact on the world."

Our students really enjoy being able to help those in need.



**WORKING LADIES** Observing the litter on the ground, junior **Jordan Brewer** holds the bag to collect the trash. FBLA worked to clean up the highway and keep main street clear of clutter. "I am so glad I helped pick up the trash because I personally think that not enough people wanted to help," Brewer said. (Photo by Karen Riley)

**WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK** Shoveling the sheetrock, sophomores **Cheyenne Matcheski**, **Shalondra Hayes-Hemphill**, and **Ana Martinez** work hard to clear the clutter. They helped tear down houses for women in need. "I'm glad I got to help these women because knowing I make a difference in someone's life makes me happy," Matcheski said. (Photo by Alyssa Schulte)

# BLANKETS OF LOVE



"I liked helping make blankets that go to people who really need them," senior Shane Kresta said. "It makes me feel like I really am making a difference."



"I loved helping," junior Zack Gohlke said. "It was fun to go around and help make a lot of different blankets with my friends."



"Knowing that I am helping young children, brings joy to my heart," junior Danielle Vacek said. "It makes me realize just how lucky I am to have what I have."



"I'm glad I helped make blankets because it's fun to be a part of something," freshman Sydney Campbell said. "I also loved being with my friends."



"Helping out really made me happy," sophomore Rylyn Walters said. "It makes me feel good that I am able to help those in need."



"I'm glad I helped because the blankets we made are going to a great cause," senior Connery Bowers said. "I'm happy I could help." (Photos by Lauren Stolle)



1. Looking down, senior Brooke Boettcher watches as the nurse takes her blood. "I enjoyed giving blood because I like knowing that I could help someone out there," Boettcher said. (Photo by Hannah Chumchal) 2. Tying the blanket, senior Lane Sulak finishes his blanket during the FBLA blanket party. "It was fun because I knew it was going to charity," Sulak said. (Photo by Lauren Stolle) 3. Holding the trash bag, senior Jared Rejsek walks along the road picking up litter. "I didn't necessarily enjoy picking up the trash, but I knew it needed to be done," Rejsek said. (Photo by Karen Riley)