

Students Work Hand-in-Hand With the Hobart Food Pantry

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The Hobart Food Pantry is a small organization that makes a big impact on the lives of local residents. With the help of school and community organizations, the food pantry gathers and distributes food and goods that assist disadvantaged individuals. Hobart High School clubs and teams such as DECA, Key Club, Psychology Club, and Boys Basketball all lend a hand with the effort along with Kiwanis, Tri Kappa, and various community members. Students collect and transport goods and donations from homes during weekend food drives. DECA has recently selected the food pantry as the basis of its civic consciousness project that will compete early next year in a statewide competition. One to two teens from the HHS Challenge program help on a weekly basis as well.

HHS is not the only school turning out volunteers. The Hobart Middle School Student Council and Cub Scouts have contributed time. George Earle has donated 16,000 + items to date plus cash over the last ten years during the months of November, December, and March. Liberty and Ridge View work diligently in December to provide as much food as possible during the holiday season.



Anyone interested in sponsoring a child, family, or senior citizen can do so by contacting Theresa Larimore at 942-4850.

The Hobart Food pantry is making a difference in people's lives, and area students are able to be a part of that.



Joan Martin provides annual assistance to families at Christmas as well. Last year twenty-eight families received over twenty-five bags of groceries each. The Student Council raised the money during the school year and did the shopping, the Girl Scout troops at Joan Martin donated bread, families donated food and monetary gifts, the PTO purchased the perishable foods including a turkey or ham, and volunteers with the Student Council organized and packaged the food. Finally, volunteers delivered the bags of groceries. What a wonderful experience for all involved. Last year over \$2,000.00 was donated. The receiving families of this generosity were very appreciative!

With the holiday season fast approaching, the Giving Tree, a food pantry sponsored event, helps bring Christmas to unfortunate individuals, families and senior citizens. In the past Key Club members have adopted senior citizens and not only bought them gifts, but spent time with them as well.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND NOTICE TO PARENTS

Professional Qualifications of Teachers

As a parent/guardian of a student in the School City of Hobart, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Indiana Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Indiana Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether he teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Dr. Rich Edwards, Assistant Superintendent, at 219-942-8885.

AHERA

In accordance with the provisions of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the School City of Hobart hereby provides annual notification to occupants of our buildings and to the community of the availability of the Asbestos Inspections and Management Plan for review. Extensive asbestos inspections and testing procedures have been conducted and the findings indicate that, although some asbestos has been detected, we do not have a substantial problem. The inspections are made in order to determine that safe conditions exist at all locations. The management plan may be reviewed anytime during regular school hours. A copy may be found in the principal's office at each school or in the Office of Support Services.

Another provision of the regulation is to inform workers and building occupants of asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities. Inspections and periodic surveillance are conducted twice each year. No abatement or response actions are planned at any school at this time.

Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to the Support Services Office at 219-947-2413.