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WALKER ELEMENTARY: *Spreading Joy*

Walker Elementary is not new to community service, but this past holiday season, they were able to do much more than in the past.

In 2014 and 2015, Walker implemented their Spreading Joy holiday project, in which students make blankets for community residents in need. Unfortunately, the school's budget had limited participation to only one classroom. With additional funding for supplies from a Sisters of Charity Foundation Servant Leaders grant, nearly 90 first graders participated in making the blankets this year.

The Spreading Joy project is very much focused on giving back, but it also helps the students understand some basic principles of economics and math, such as distinguishing between needs and wants, examining community needs, and using tools for measurement.

First, third graders visited the first graders to discuss their partnership with Bethany Nursing Home. The first graders then began making tie blankets for Bethany residents. Students from Canton South High School supervised and assisted small groups of blanket makers as they decided each student's role in the project, measured the material, made patterns, and cut and tied blankets. They then bagged the blankets and made Christmas cards for blanket recipients.

Walker Elementary Teacher Lia Leahy personally delivered the blankets to Bethany residents, who were delighted with their gifts. We thank the students and teachers for being true Servant Leaders and giving back to their community.



CANTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL: *Fifth and Sixth Grade Service Projects*



Through the Foundation's Servant Leaders grant program, we learned about so many community service projects that schools had already been conducting throughout Stark County. It was a true pleasure to extend their budgets to help them give back even more.

As was the case at Walker Elementary (above), Canton Country Day School students had already been doing community service projects, but the school's budget limited the projects' reach. A Sisters of Charity Foundation Servant Leaders grant helped extend that reach. Canton Country Day used its grant funds to implement four projects with fifth and sixth graders:

- Creating 70 snack bags for children served by TIQVAH - Hands of Hope.
- Making 36 blankets for Project Linus, to provide security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.
- Knitting 40 hats for Knots of Love, which provides the hats to cancer patients.
- Filling two large boxes with butterfly craft kits for children being served by the Children's Network of Stark County.

In the past, the school has only been able to participate in Project Linus, so this funding helped the fifth and sixth graders gain a wider range of project experiences.

As with the Walker Elementary



project, the Canton Country Day projects focused on giving back, but there was also a great deal of academic learning involved in the budgeting, planning, estimating, and seeing the projects through to completion.

We salute Canton Country Day for giving back while learning, as true Servant Leaders do.

2016 Annual Report

This report, marking our 20th anniversary, is an opportunity to say thank you. We are grateful to:

- Our founders and spiritual guides, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.
- The strong, committed, and caring people who have served on our Board.
- Our community's leaders and nonprofit organizations that have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those in need.
- Our funding partners, who have collaborated with us to do this work.
- Our staff, who have faithfully carried out the mission.



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GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS WORKSHOP

Participants will learn about our grantmaking strategies, proposal guidelines, and application process. Foundation staff members will be on hand to answer questions.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:00-10:30 a.m.
First Floor Conference Room
400 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702

To register, please contact Trudy Brown at 330-454-5800 or

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