

G I V A T I O N

kindness network

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Through collective giving, we unite individuals with opportunities to make a difference in our community.

Our monthly giving group is dedicated to:

- helping those in need within our community.
- supporting small nonprofits that run under the radar, and do so much with so little.
- encouraging community among ourselves and those we serve.
- increasing awareness of local needs.
- promoting volunteerism and effective philanthropy.
- building a kindness network that is a catalyst for positive change.

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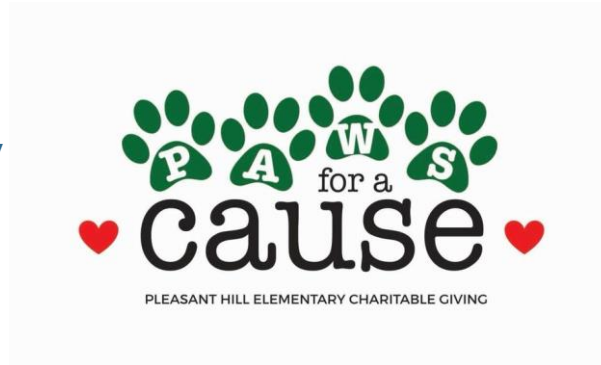
Teaching kids the value of helping others helps to improve mood and behavior, create a greater sense of personal worth and reduce bullying.

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Charitable Giving Committee

Teach our students and families that community service is a fun and rewarding activity.



Coordinated with our monthly PTA activities:

- **Movie Night:** Secret Life of Pets, collected items for the Lexington Co. Animal Shelter
- **Veteran's Day:** Students wrote thank you notes to veterans, delivered to local Homeless Veteran Shelter
- **Bingo Night:** Collected shelf-stable food items to restock the local food pantry



- 205 needed animal shelter items
- 321 letters of gratitude
- Over 1,600 lbs of shelf-stable food



HERO Night

Doesn't matter your age or your grade level – everyone has the ability to be a hero. You don't need spider-powers, a fancy cape or an indestructible shield; a HERO is anyone who gives time and attention to something bigger than oneself. Are you ready to be a HERO?

With a mix of education and activity, learn how you can be an everyday hero in our community.

Enjoy interactive activities, games, arts & crafts, and more! Children and their grown-ups were invited to dress up as their favorite heroes, too.

HERO Night

Volunteers: Teachers, Parents, Lexington High School National Honors Society and White Knoll High School Beta Club, PHMS iCivics class

Organizations: 22 community partners

Activities: 6 different stations

- GIVATION; Color notes for our active military troops overseas
- Special Olympics SC; Played games to demonstrate the Modified Young Athlete Program
- Operation Bedroll; Plarn making
- Marleigh's Ministry; Knotted "No Sew" blankets for preemies in the NICU
- Paws for a Cause; facepainting
- PTA; tattoos

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Spring Fling

Collecting small gifts to restock the Happy Wheels toy cart.



We'll have a collection station as well as a station for kids to write notes of encouragement and well wishes to the children staying in the hospital.

A face painting, sticker and tattoo station is available for children that make a donation and/or write a card.

Get Started

- Coordinate a committee
- Determine the need within your school
- Establish relationships with appropriate community partners
- Establish an event calendar
- Choreographed effort between PTA Board and administration
- Don't over do it, avoid becoming noise
- Get the word out
- Document the outcome
- Share the outcome with parents and students
- Grow the goodness

Activity Summary

Pleasant Hill Elementary School
Charitable Giving Summary

Date: **Date of Activity**

PHES Activity: **Name of PTA Activity**

Charitable Give

Overview of what we're doing.

Need

What need is there in the community that we're trying to fill?

Ask

What are we asking for? Time, talent, donations?

How much do we need?

When do we need it?

Give Logistics

Contact Contact information of the organization we're helping.

Incentive Are we giving those who volunteer or donate something in return? Raffle ticket?

Collection How are we collecting donation? Collection bin?

Communications How are we sharing this information with the school? Flier? Newsletter? Posters? Social media?

Results

How much did we collect?

How many people volunteered?

What goodness can we quantify?

Project Ideas

- Coin drives
- Collect stuffed animals, small toys
- Collect toiletries or shelf-stable food
- Collect used towels and blankets for the animal shelter
- Schedule a beautification day
- Run a hat and mitten drive
- Create no-sew blankets
- Write cards for active duty service members
- Gently used clothing drive
- Gently used book drive

How can you inspire
your school and your
students to lead positive
change in
your community?