Gateway continues service to community in December

Huntington – Students in several Gateway schools are continuing to serve the community this month, with a middle school collection underway for the Westfield Animal Shelter, and a pajama drive running until December 12 at Chester and Littleville.

Eighth grader Mackenzie Chase is spearheading a collection of items needed at the Westfield Animal Shelter. A collection box is located in the main Gateway lobby (near the security booth), and the community is invited to take part. Needed items include: leashes, collars, canned cat and dog food, dog and cat toys, cleaning wipes (like Clorox disinfecting wipes), and paper towels. This collection is ongoing through December 21.

Littleville and Chester elementary schools are once again partnering with Scholastic Book Club’s for the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive! This program supports children living in shelters, group homes and foster care, and those who attend Title I schools, Head Start programs, and other organizations that serve at-risk youth. Each pair of pajamas collected at the schools is matched with a scholastic book so that every child has a good night’s sleep and a sweet bedtime story.

Pajamas must be brand-new and all sizes are needed (newborn to adult). They must be in complete sets or nightgowns. Please be sure that pajamas in children’s sizes are manufactured as pajamas, to ensure that they are flame retardant and safe.

Chester and Littleville schools have collection boxes near their main entrances, so the public can also drop items off. Pajamas will be collected until Tuesday, December 12.

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Photo: Chester Elementary School’s pajama collection box is the “P.J. Express”, near the main entrance. Note engineer (and Principal) Megan Coburn!

Littleville’s donation box (also near the main entrance, is pictured below.)