Student council launches project to support homeless

Huntington — Student Council members at Gateway Regional High School have launched a district-wide “Blessing Bags” project to collect personal items for residents of the Samaritan Inn in Westfield.

“The idea started in my Spanish III class with Ms. Rivera-Perez,” explained Student Council President Brennan Foley. “Our assignment was to do a small group project focusing on social action. She said the best project would be pursued in our community. Our project won!”

Foley, along with Iris Delaney and Emily Warren, now get to lead the project district-wide. While the event is still in the hands of the Spanish III class, Student Council has been enlisted to help.

Each school—along with parents & staff—has been given a list of items to collect. Students at Chester Elementary School are responsible for toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash. Littleville ES students will donate bandages, tissues and hand warmers. Students at the middle school are collecting soap, shampoo and deodorant, while Jr./Sr. High School students will donate socks, winter gloves (size M or XL), and unscented lotion.

Staff and parents are asked to bring in feminine hygiene products and gallon plastic bags.

Drop-off areas include the offices of Chester and Littleville Elementary Schools; the middle school office; and Mrs. Wing’s first floor classroom in the high school.

Stakes are high at the high school, where the classes continue their yearlong competition for the highly coveted “Spirit Trophy”. ‘Spirit points’ will be awarded to each class based upon the number of items they collect.

Donations will be accepted between January 4th and January 15th. Student council members will bag up the items and deliver them to the Samaritan Inn.

Anyone with questions is asked to email Brennan Foley (bigb.soccer@gmail.com) or Mrs. Wing (awing@grsd.org).

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