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# NEWS RELEASE

## Comal ISD students rally to Bastrop's aid

Students throughout Comal ISD are working creatively and diligently to gather items, funds and ultimately hope for the victims of the fires in Bastrop ISD.

Here are some of the activities planned throughout this week. If you would like to give, please feel free to contact one of the schools:

- **Canyon High School** Student Council is accepting cash donations for the purchase of \$25 Walmart gift cards.
- **Church Hill Middle School** is collecting cases of bottled water or cash to purchase bottled water. Other items needed by fellow middle school students being collected at Church Hill include: toiletries, flat irons, blow dryers, generic makeup, underwear and socks, inexpensive electronics, athletic gear such as baseball caps, volleyball knee pads, and gift cards.

- **At Hoffmann Lane Elementary**, Kyleigh Miller, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student in Jennifer Egbert's class, has decorated a collection container for donations to the Red Cross. Kyleigh has made morning announcements to the school regarding the drive.
- **At Oak Creek Elementary**, Jesus Alejandro Herrera, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student took the initiative to gather several of his fellow students—Robby Lopez and Morgan Holt—and through the morning announcements encouraged students to give to the school's drive. Jayden McCreary held a bottled water drive for the firefighters of Bastrop County this past Saturday at the New Braunfels Farmer's Market. Jayden collected enough to deliver 2,400 bottles of water to the City of Bastrop's Convention and Exhibit Center.
- **At Canyon Middle School**, the wildfire relief drive is themed, "Cool the Burn." Donations of: shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, hair brushes, deodorant, ponytail holders, generic make-up, underwear/socks, cotton swabs and towels, as well as monetary donations are being accepted throughout the week. Also, during CMS' Open House on Tuesday, donations will be accepted.
- **Garden Ridge Elementary** students within 24 hours of the call, filled four full-sized SUVs of collected items, which were delivered to Mr. Gatti's through a drive initiated by the Texas Youth Football Association.
- **Spring Branch Middle School** students, with the theme "Be There" will deliver donations to middle school students in Bastrop ISD on Saturday,

Sept. 17. Items to be collected are: backpacks filled with school supplies, personal toiletries, socks, coats and jackets, athletic gear and gift cards to Walmart, Target, H-E-B and Home Depot.

- **Canyon Lake High School** Student Council is accepting donations of cash, gift cards, toiletries, diapers, pet food, water, non-perishable food items and new clothing through the end of September.
- On Friday morning, members of the Comal ISD child nutrition staff and Chartwells, the district's food service provider, delivered 250 breakfast sandwiches and more than 1,000 bottles of sports drinks to the Bastrop firefighters. The sports drinks were raised through a campaign of Support Services personnel.