

Thomas Jefferson students gather record amount of food for Salvation Army holiday food drive



Thomas Jefferson Students load donated food items into a Salvation Army truck Nov. 25.

Thomas Jefferson's 2008 Canned Food Drive set a school record last week with more than 10,000 food items donated. The school's National Honor Society organized the drive, and students in all grades (Pre-K – 12 participated).

The Salvation Army said that the amount of food items collected – 10,365 -- is the most they ever seen donated by one location in the area.

Salvation Army Captain Mary Poff said that the food will be distributed to local families, and that it will feed approximately 1,000 adults and 2,500 children. She said that they especially appreciated the donation of the ramen noodles which are a real "hit" with children.

Thomas Jefferson's National Honor Society has sponsored the food drive for several years, and each year participation -- and the amount of food collected -- grows.

Students in all grades at Thomas Jefferson participated, and the winning classes in each division are listed below, along with the number of food items each collected.

High School

Freshmen 2903

Middle School

6th Grade 177

Elementary Grades

3rd Grade 472