KM students plan canned food drive

BY JUSTIN SMITH KMHS Hook-Up Writer

The Allied Health Sciences classes have begun their third annual canned food drive. This drive, which is done every year before Thanksgiving and Christmas, supplies needy families with food during the holidays.

These classes make an appeal to the students and teachers of Kings Mountain High School to bring in canned goods of all types to help support the citizens of Kings Mountain who are in need of food in the winter months.

This food drive is a major help to the people of Kings Mountain and the students look forward to helping others as the time of THanksgiving approaches. Everyone that contributes also feels good that they have helped others in their community.

All food that is collected by the health

classes will go to the Crisis Ministry of Kings Mountain. Since it is going to this ministry, all of the food collected will remain in the community to help neighbors who are in need. The ministry is in desperate need of canned goods for the approaching winter months, which are especially hard on the disadvantaged.

Mrs. Mary Dilling is the instructor for the Allied Health Sciences classes and has been conducting this food drive for several years now. She is expecting to collect a great deal of cans for the food drive.

Dilling says, "Our students participate in the canned food project because we have such a need for assistance in the community."

The food drive lasts until Friday, November 15. Interested persons who would like to donate may contact Mrs. Dilling at KMHS, or contribute directly to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.



Witch Buffy Murphey recently visited English students at KMHS. Students, left to right, are Fred Jackson, Tiffany Bowen and Joan Samuel.

Students prepare for teaching career

BY MELISSA G. COOK KMHS Hook-Up Writer

Have you ever stopped to think about your teachers? Have you ever thought about the influence and support they have put into your life? A group of students at Kings Mountain High School recognize the importance of teachers and that is why they participate in ETA.

why they participate in FTA. FTA stands for Future Teachers of America, and it is a prominent club at KMHS. The members of FTA have decided to put in their time and talent to give back to their community by volunteering and tutoring at the schools within the community. "Tutoring is a wonderful experience," says KMHS student Summer Trakas. "I loved the smile on the children's faces when they knew someone was helping them because they cared.

Many students can be found working with children in the elementary schools, the new intermediate school (KMIS), the middle school and even in their own high school. The presi-

dent of FTA is senior, Emily Rountree. Emily tutors in KMHS and she said,

"Tutoring is not only rewarding but very interesting. I have learned a lot by helping others and it is so much fun!"

Other students assist teachers in preparing their classrooms or lending a helping hand where it may be needed. There are students that are available for each day of the week. Surprisingly, there are students who even make themselves available on Fridays!

Lindsay Horne, who tutors at West Elementary, feels strongly about being active in her community and said, "tutoring is a great experience to help future teachers get acquainted with the classroom."

The love for children and passion for teaching within each of these students gives them the drive to want to help in any way they can in order to make their future as a teacher a positive learning experience for not only the students but for themselves

Ready, Set, Grow gets grant for supplies

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD Staff Writer

Paper, pencils, scissors, and crayons are school supplies students have to have, but not everyone can afford to buy them for their children. The Impact Fund has stepped in to help.

The Impact Fund gave a \$4,000 grant to the Cleveland County Partnership for Children to provide basic school supplies for 400 at-risk children in the Ready, Set, Grow program.

The Ready, Set, Grow program is designed to bring in four-year-old children, who have never been in any kind of school, for thirty days during the summer before they start kindergarten.

"The [Ready, Set, Grow] program is operated by the school systems [in Cleveland County]. We [Partnership for Children] can't fund the program, but the school systems provide the teachers and the classroom space," said Cathy Patterson, the Executive

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Director of the Partnership for Children.

The Partnership for Children tries to find enough money to provide each child with an "enrichment bag," which are canvas bags with a book, writing paper, pencils, crayons, and other basic school supplies.

"They [Impact Fund leaders] were so impressed with the idea [of the enrichment bags] that instead of the \$2,500 grant that we asked for, they gave us \$4,000," said Patterson.

The program usually takes place in June, and it is housed in the elementary schools in the Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County school districts. According to Patterson, last year the program had 167 children participate. The year before it had 261.

The Impact Fund is part of the Foundation of the Carolinas, a nonprofit organization that encourages philanthropy in the community.

Applications ready for Summer Ventures

Applications for Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM), a statewide program of residential institutes to provide enrichment and research opportunities to academically talented high school students, are now available from high school guidance counselors. The completed application form must be postmarked by January 31. Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics is the

nation's largest research-oriented summer program.
Approximately 550 students will participate in 2003.



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