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**100 Acts of Kindness Initiative Prompts Record Thanksgiving Donations**

**Princeton, NJ – Hun School students and faculty donated 1,406 food items to families in need this Thanksgiving – a five-year record for the School. Items were donated on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to Home Front to assist families in Mercer County. The annual drive was a great success, due in part to the Raider House Cup Challenge and the 100 Acts of Kindness Initiative, both launched this fall in celebration of the School’s Centennial.**

“The participation this year in our Thanksgiving food drive was exceptional. We nearly doubled the amount of food items we collected last year,” said Service Learning Coordinator Lynn McNulty. “I think that by linking this service project with our 100 Acts of Kindness Initiative and Raider House Cup Challenge [a year-long competition between student Houses], our students were filled with a sense of joy, spirit, and pride as they contributed to helping others. The Middle School was also vital to our success. The wonderful part of this food drive was that it was truly a community effort and it is an example of how even a small act, such as donating a canned item, can culminate into a much grander gesture.”

Students in the Hun Upper and Middle School have been encouraging, celebrating, and tracking kind gestures and gifts in conjunction with the 100 Acts of Kindness Initiative, since Convocation on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Community Service President Madison Folmer ’14 confirmed that the goal was certainly met and surpassed early, but the community has every intention of continuing in this initiative throughout the year.

Middle School students and faculty post acts daily on an electronic community bulletin board, and Upper School students deposit notes in a discreet box positioned in the lobby of the Chesebro Academic Building.

Katie Griese ’16, for example, knits hats for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and oncology patients of Capital Health in Pennington, New Jersey. In the past year, Katie has knitted seventy-five hats, which have been worn by patients whose body heat is better maintained by the hats she donates. A representative of Capital Health wrote a note of appreciation to Ms. McNulty, who then submitted the act for recognition as an official act of kindness earlier this fall.

Mr. Brougham said, “Kindness is an honest willingness to consider and understand the circumstances of others – and to respond in ways that are supportive and helpful. We will record those acts, great and small. The list will remind us constantly of where this School’s heart lies, and I hope it will inspire us to keep kindness – that most important aspect of our communal life – as vibrant and strong as ever.”

**Photograph caption:**

*IMG\_0084.jpg* – The Hun School of Princeton announced that more than 100 Acts of Kindness have been reported since the start of its academic year, through the school-wide initiative, 100 Acts of Kindness. One of the many acts that were part of the 100 Acts of Kindness was a Thanksgiving food drive, in which Middle School and Upper Students donated 1,406 food items.

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**About The Hun School of Princeton:**

The Hun School of Princeton is a co-educational, private boarding school in Princeton, New Jersey. Individual attention and strong student-faculty relationships are the hallmarks of the School. On the 45-acre campus between Philadelphia and New York City, student-centered, hands-on learning prepares students for the global community in which they will live and work. The Hun School is comprised of 629 students in its Middle School, Upper School, and Postgraduate Program. The Hun School is home to students from seventeen countries and fifteen states.