

# Paw Prints

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## Hurricane Harvey Response

By Patrick Snyder and Ekam Mehat

*Hurricane Harvey affected a lot of people along the Texas coast, including people from Houston, Rockport, and Port Aransas. During times of crisis, Academy boys step up to support those in need.*



### Students

So many people have helped with the relief effort due to Hurricane Harvey, and that includes Academy boys. Many students donated items to the school's supply drive on September 6. Some boys also volunteered off-campus at Catholic Charities to take donations and packages to trucks, which would deliver those supplies to people whose homes were damaged. The boys felt good about helping people in need. John Paul Tucker, one of our sixth grade students, exclaimed, "It was very fun! It wasn't even that hard! The heaviest thing was the water bottles!"

Other students welcomed loved ones who had to leave their homes due to the storm. For example, Ashley Cruse and her family had to evacuate from their house in Houston, and were taken in by the Wolffs. Ms. Cruse is Hank and Weldon Wolff's aunt. Hank said that, although it was scary, he knew everything would be okay. His focus was on being there for his family. Ms. Cruse explained that, during the evacuation, she tried to "focus on what was important, like getting the children to a safe place and staying calm."

### Alumni

Even alumni pitched in to help people affected by Hurricane Harvey. SAA Alum '05 Andrew Simms helped victims of Hurricane Harvey evacuate from their homes to safety. He is an Executive Officer in the National Guard. Mr. Simms and his team of 80 soldiers saved 130 people, 25 dogs, 3 cats, and 5 horses! They saved some of these animals and humans by using Zodiac Boats. These boats are inflatable, with an engine on the back. They also used a single propeller plane, and a special type of vehicle called an LMTV, which is basically a huge truck that can move across water that is up to 6 feet deep! Mr. Simms explained, "The Academy teaches a lot of the ideals and character traits that the army seeks in its leaders and soldiers." The values taught here at SAA prepared Lieutenant Simms to lead in the National Guard!



*Pictured top left: Brandon Lozano, Mateo Morales, James Boller, John Paul Tucker, Brody Davis, and Diego Morales at Catholic Charities; Bottom right: SAA Alum Andrew Simms holding a dog his team saved in Orange, TX.*

# Meet a Pre-K Student: Tysei Callanan

By Wesley Nye



This is Tysei. He is the awesome Pre-K student that I interviewed. He told me that so far, life at The Academy has been good. If he could go anywhere in the world, he would go on a bike ride! If he could have anything, he would want a TV. His favorite food is candy, his favorite animal is a penguin, and his favorite author is Doctor Seuss. To find out what he wants to do when he grows up, click the link below or scan the QR code to see an exclusive interview clip!

<https://vimeo.com/235369587/19d70d8ebf>



## ***Raffle Prizes***

The 2017 Fall Family Fair is growing near, and most people think of the auction and Drop-in-the Bucket; however, many people forget about the raffle. To win one of the awesome prizes for top sellers (Nintendo Switch, Nike custom shoes, or an Echo), you have to get outside and sell tickets! The best way to do this efficiently (so you can get back to playing video games) is to go door-to-door. The raffle winners will be drawn the night of the Fair. The raffle prizes are: a laptop, iPad Minis, a \$500 Visa gift card, and a GoPro Hero 5. Also, Drop-in-the-Bucket features a glamorous 39 inch Classical Guitar, and many more awesome prizes! So don't forget to take full advantage of the 2017 Fall Family Fair: Academy City Limits!

## ***Trick-or-Treat For UNICEF***

If you would like to help starving children get vaccines and other medicines, then sign up for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF outside Ms. Moore's door. UNICEF is an organization that helps children in need get vaccines, medicines, and food: Only if you donate to it, though!



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# Hoping for a Home

By Christian Razor and Luke Tucker

*There are always pets in need of a good home, especially in the wake of Hurricane Harvey! If you are interested in adding a furry friend to your family, check out these loving pets looking for their forever home!*

*You can help local shelters such as The San Antonio Humane Society by visiting [SAhumane.org/volunteer](http://SAhumane.org/volunteer) to sign up as a volunteer. You can also donate to Harvey's Heroes Emergency Fund.*



## Buster

Meet this adorable feline Buster. This cat is not the type to seek attention, but he is gentle and needs a home. He will be trusting when he gets to know you. Buster has been in the shelter all 13 years of his life. We just know that someone out there will love him!



## Meet Miley

If you want a dog, meet Miley. Miley is an American Blue Heeler/Shepherd. She knows how to sit, and lie down, and she is pretty good at jumping hurdles too! Miley was adopted five years ago, but the owners sent her back because they did not have enough time to care for a puppy. She has been at Bulverde Area Humane Society (BAHS) ever since, hoping to find her family!

*Photography credit for these pet pictures goes to the Bulverde Area Humane Society. Visit their website at <http://www.bulverdeareahumanesociety.com/index.html> for more information on adopting these furry friends!*