

What Interact has Been Up To:



All School Food Drive

Camilla Costa took the lead on organizing an All School Food Drive. Over a three week period, divisions competed to stock our Food Pantry. With our community support, we have been able to fill our Food Pantry everyday and help our neighbors in need. Congratulations to the Lower School of friends for being our biggest contributors and earning a popsicle party!

Breakfast Buddies @ Mary H Wright

Elizabeth Ann Johnson was moved to partner with Mary H Wright Elementary School and start our Breakfast Buddies Program. Every other Wednesday morning at 7am, a group of 18 Griffins meet with students at Mary H Wright to start the day with a healthy breakfast and meaningful moments together.



Ronald McDonald House

Dani Brauer and **Fleur Joseph** developed a relationship with the Ronald McDonald House and organized events where students prepared dinner and baked cookies for the residents of the House. RMHC keeps families together when their children need medical care. Throughout these events, we have been able to connect with families and practice our Spanish skills while trying to communicate with families we encounter in the kitchen.



Yard Sale

Payne Wood and **Owen Smith** oversaw the Yard Sale this year. Our front lawn was filled with generous contributions from our SDS community and our neighboring community was able to find some amazing items for their homes. Proceeds from our Yard Sale were donated to the Red Cross of Western North Carolina to benefit Hurricane Helene efforts.



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Flag the Lawn

Ellie Baughman organized our beautiful Flag the Lawn event on Veterans Day. Our students from 2K to 12 filled our front lawn with American flags to Honor our veterans. Through the generosity of our community, we were able to make a sizable donation to Upstate Warrior Solutions to help warriors reintegrate into our community and provide them with the critical support their families need to thrive in Spartanburg.

Harvest Hope

Dani Brauer and **Daria Staskevich** organized events with Harvest Hope Food Bank where we spent Saturday mornings packing boxes for seniors in our community. We were able to tour the facility and be a part of supporting their mission of eliminating food insecurity in our community.



Warm Clothing Drive

Elizabeth Ann Johnson helped organize a warm clothing drive to benefit Miracle Hill Ministries Rescue Mission of Spartanburg. Our Presnell Christmas tree was decorated with mittens, hats, scarves and warm socks which will be shared with our shelter.



Service within SDS

In addition, we loved our time helping our Spartanburg Day School community through events like Fall Festival, Family Movie Night, Parent's Club Bake Sale and Polar Express.

We are looking forward to the second semester with upcoming partnerships with Mobile Meals, Hatcher Gardens, Spartanburg Soup Kitchen, Play. Advocate. Live Well, Humane Society, and Halter Equine.

