Bradley-Bourbonnais High School Receives Grant from the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning and Albertsons Companies Foundation to Help Fight Hunger in the Community

Broadlands, Va. —Oct. 31, 2024 — Bradley-Bourbonnais High School has received a grant from the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning (FILL) and Albertsons Companies Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors Program to help combat hunger due to food insecurity in the community. Bradley-Bourbonnais High School is proud to be selected as one of the grant recipients of this year's Explore.Act.Tell.® Program.

The Explore.Act.Tell. Program helps students in grades 6 to 12 recognize food insecurity issues in their neighborhoods. The students learn skills needed to be responsible citizens and advocate for community service. This initiative is funded by Nourishing Neighbors, a charitable program of Albertsons Companies Foundation, which seeks to ensure at-risk children, adults, seniors and families have access to the food they need to thrive. Since 2020, FILL has been partnering with Nourishing Neighbors to recognize students' efforts as they work to end hunger in their communities throughout the United States.

Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School- Bettering Boilers, Bradley, Illinois:

The students created breakfast and snack food bags to give out in their food pantry with donations received from the school and the community.

More than 210,000 students and nearly 2,500 teachers and educators nationwide participated in this year's program, which engages young people in service learning by practicing leadership and civic engagement. Through four interactive lessons, students define food insecurity issues facing their communities and then create and implement a hunger solution project. Finally, the students share their stories and results by developing promotional PSA videos.

"The success of the Explore.Act.Tell. Program is a direct testament to the incredible passion with which students and educators have embraced our curriculum and message," said Diane Barrett, Executive Director of the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning. "As another school year begins, we are excited to observe how students learn to collaborate, plan actions and research hunger and food insecurity in their communities."

Christy Duncan Anderson, President and Executive Director of Albertsons Companies Foundation Nourishing Neighbors said, "We are incredibly proud to partner with **Bradley-Bourbonnais High School** in our shared mission to end hunger in our neighborhoods. Together, we are committed to making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need, ensuring that no one goes to bed hungry. This partnership is a testament to our dedication to building stronger, healthier communities."

This fall, Explore.Act.Tell. will be launching the fifth year of the program. Designed for students in middle and high school, Explore.Act.Tell. works in all settings and subject areas such as class, clubs, homeschoolers and youth groups. Interested teachers can visit <u>exploreacttell.org</u> for registration updates, additional details and information.

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