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SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS CHAMPION COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH ANNUAL PROJECT

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District is thrilled to celebrate the incredible impact made by Sheridan Elementary School's Annual Service-Learning Project, driven by the passionate efforts of the Jr. Beta Club and Student Council under the mentorship of Ms. Elizabeth Johnson. This initiative not only marked the conclusion of the first semester but also spotlighted the profound commitment of students to community support and service.

Throughout the project, students engaged in a heartfelt campaign to gather essential paper goods and other necessary products. They organized donation drives within the school, encouraging peers, families, and teachers to contribute. The outpouring of support resulted in an impressive collection that far exceeded expectations, demonstrating the community spirit at Sheridan Elementary. Each item collected represented not just a contribution, but a message of solidarity and compassion towards those struggling in the local area.

The donated goods were thoughtfully delivered to the Samaritan House in Orangeburg, an organization that plays a crucial role in providing support and assistance to individuals and families in need. The emotional weight of this initiative was evident when Mr. Henry Miller, Director of the Samaritan House, visited Sheridan Elementary to receive the donated items. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude, acknowledging that these contributions would significantly aid in alleviating hardships faced by many local families. This simple act of kindness set a powerful example for the students and the wider community, emphasizing the potential for positive change through collective effort.

The ripple effect of this project extended beyond the tangible donations. It instilled in the participating students a profound understanding of social responsibility and the importance of empathy. Witnessing firsthand the direct impact of their actions fostered a sense of accomplishment and pride, reinforcing the values of leadership and service that Ms. Johnson and the school promote. Students reflected on their experiences, sharing stories of personal growth and connection with the community, which bridged gaps and fostered a deeper appreciation for the challenges faced by others.

"We are extremely proud of our students for their commitment to service and eagerness to make a difference in our community," said Ms. Johnson. "Their hard work and generosity inspire us all." The enthusiasm and dedication demonstrated by the Jr. Beta Club and Student Council clearly resonated throughout the school, encouraging other students to consider how they could contribute to their community in the future.

Dr. Shawn Foster, the Superintendent of OCSD, echoed this sentiment, stating, "This project exemplifies the heart of what we strive to achieve in the Orangeburg County School District—educating students who are not only academically prepared but also morally grounded and community-focused. The Jr. Beta Club and Student

Council at Sheridan Elementary have shown leadership beyond their years, and I applaud them for their commitment to service."

The Orangeburg County School District proudly commends Sheridan Elementary School's Jr. Beta Club and Student Council for their outstanding efforts and impactful contributions to the community. The initiative served as a testament to the power of young minds in creating a lasting difference, inspiring not only their fellow students but also the broader community to engage in acts of kindness and generosity.

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