



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New Horizon Senior Leads Coombs Food Drive**

BANNING, CA — Jenny Gonzalez, a senior at New Horizon High School, has taken the lead in organizing the Coombs H.E.L.P. Food Drive, collecting six boxes of non-perishable food items, including canned corn, green beans, mashed potatoes, rice, baking goods, and juice. Her efforts are providing crucial support to families in need while inspiring her peers to give back to the community.

Jenny's motivation for leading this initiative comes from personal experience. "I understand what it feels like to be a family in need. This is my chance to give back," she shared. Her goal was to help at least five families, but her determination and the generosity of students and staff led to exceeding that goal. The food will be donated to **H.E.L.P.** (Hope Empathy Love and Prayer), a foundation that has been operating for over 40 years, bringing hope to communities like Banning. Jenny emphasized, "It's not about me, it's about making a difference for families who need it most."

Superintendent Terrence Davis expressed his admiration for Jenny's leadership, saying, "Jenny demonstrates the power of student leadership and the impact one individual can have on an entire school and community. She is a shining example of the dedication and compassion we hope to inspire in all our students."

Jenny took on this project as part of her English 12 Community Service assignment, guided by Mr. Waedekin. Her efforts not only fulfilled her community service hours but also encouraged her peers to participate and earn hours needed for graduation. Principal Dr. Melissa Lee shared her pride, stating, "Jenny's initiative and selflessness reflect the values of our school and community." Jenny, who will graduate this December, plans to enlist in the military and pursue a career as a pediatric nurse. She credits her mother's love and support as her greatest motivation. "This will set me up for success, and I hope to make my family proud," she said. With her heart for service and leadership, Jenny hopes the food drive will continue as a New Horizon tradition, inspiring future students to carry it forward.



**About Banning Unified School District:**

Banning Unified School District serves nearly 4,300 students across its schools and is one of the largest employers in the city of Banning, with over 500 dedicated staff members. The district's mission is to collaborate as a diverse community to develop responsible, respectful, and prepared students who achieve their full potential. Guided by its vision to prepare, inspire, and educate, Banning USD is committed to fostering a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

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(Photos have been attached)

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PHOTO CAPTION: Jenny Gonzalez, joined by two fellow students from New Horizon High School, carefully packs six boxes of non-perishable food donations for the Banning H.E.L.P. Food Drive.

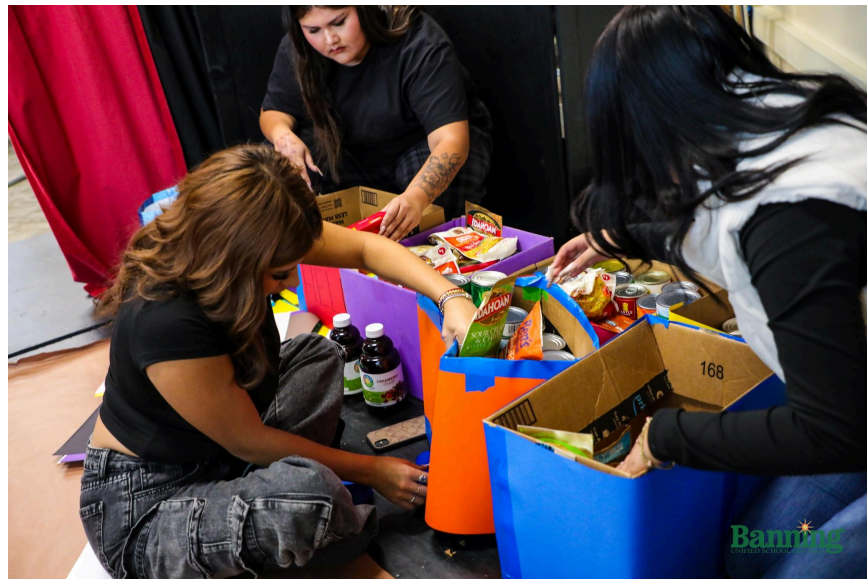


PHOTO CAPTION: New Horizon High School senior Jenny Gonzalez works with classmates to organize and pack six boxes of donated food items for the Banning H.E.L.P. Food Drive, supporting local families in need..

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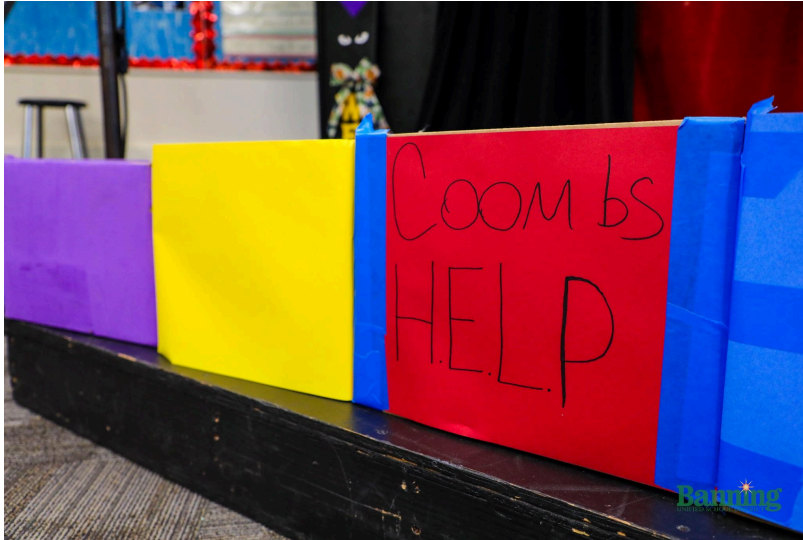


PHOTO CAPTION: Six boxes filled with non-perishable food donations, ready to support local families through the Banning H.E.L.P. Food Drive