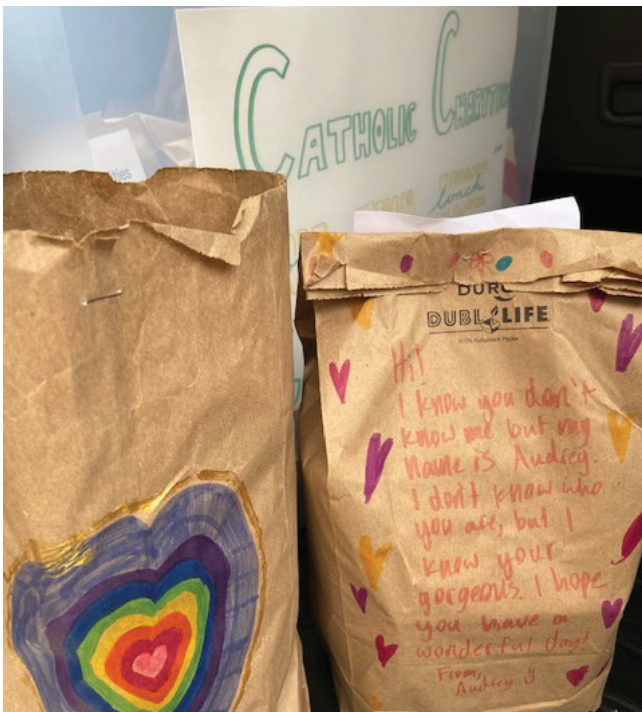




ALL SAINTS PORTLAND  
**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**

# 2020/2021 GIVING REPORT

Through your donations, coordination and encouragement, students at All Saints experienced the gift of giving. We have never seen such generosity month after month from our school community. Everyone rose to the challenges this year brought, and we could not be more proud and grateful. **THANK YOU!**



## ALL GRADES & FAMILIES

Each month, a different grade participated in a drive for **Catholic Charities Housing Transitions Program**. We had a tremendous support from students and families who donated snacks and toiletries in paper bags decorated with drawings and encouraging messages. Everyone went above and beyond!

## PRE-K: SUNSHINE PROJECT

These young students spread happiness and good wishes by creating cards and mailing them to school and parish staff.

## KINDERGARTEN: OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY

Kindergarten brought joy to many this year. They created placemats for **Portland VA Medical Center** patients for Veteran's Day, made valentines for **Laurelhurst Village** residents, and delivered flower bouquets to All Saints neighbors.

## 1ST GRADE: ART FOR THE HEART

1st graders and their families donated 12 bags of art supplies to **Randall Children's Hospital** this year. The students also had a lot of sweet prayers for children at Randall's after their talk with the guest speaker from the hospital. Art provided a bright spot for patients who had few visitors and activities due to COVID-19 risks.



## 2ND GRADE: BOOKS BUILD BRIDGES

Second grade held an ALL-SCHOOL BOOK DRIVE to benefit The Children's Book Bank to improve early literacy. With the help of the All Saints community, they collected 2,300 children's books in the hopes that more kids will have access to bedtime stories and can learn to read. They also used their creative skills to create book marks with artwork and messages about love for reading and books!



## 4TH GRADE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

In Fall, the 4th graders supported Friends of the Children Portland with 200 fun, decorated snack packs for kids in their program who often experience food instability, especially during the pandemic.

In Spring, students collected over 700 individual snacks for New Avenues for Youth, an organization that helps young people working through issues of homelessness.

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## 7TH GRADE: CALLED TO DISCIPLESHP

The seventh grade students participate in self-directed community projects throughout Lent to Service Sunday. And during distance learning and a pandemic, these students achieved a lot - 230 total hours worked, as well as donations and collections!

**Organizations & Services Supported This Year:** All Saints Chess Class, The Oregon Food Bank, The Children's Book Bank, Helping Elderly Neighbors, Mt. Tabor Park, Portland Rescue Mission, Oregon Humane Society, The Pad Project, Our Lady of Lavang, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, The Mother & Child Education Center, Good Samaritan Society, PEAR, Pongo Fund, Blanchet House, Green Dog, SnowCap, Mila's Mutts, Northwest Children's Outreach, With Love, St. Andrews Church & Walnut Creek Shelter, Cameron Care, Rose Haven Women's Shelter, Central City Concern, The Portland Transition Projects, Northeast Emergency Food Program Charity Ball, SOLVE, Randall Children's Hospital, New Avenues For Youth, Trillium Creek Training & Rehabilitation Center, Support a Fire Victim.

### **7th Graders Shared Quotes About Their Service Learning...**

*"Teaching people is hard but also very rewarding." "I learned that even one can save a life." "Everyone can help." "There will always be people who work to help others." "I learned that a little bit of effort can help many people or animals in need." "I learned that it doesn't take much work to help people out." "Help the places that you love the most." "Cleaning might have been annoying, but it felt good when we finished." "Helping someone goes a long way down the road." "I learned that doing something small can still impact a lot of people." "Giving back to others in need feels much better than receiving." "I learned that helping people with the smallest things is so much more thoughtful and kind than you actually think." "Service isn't always about the time you put in, it is also about the patience you put in." "I learned that the littlest things can help people a lot." "You aren't always aware of how much you have until you put yourself in other people's or animals' shoes." "Helping is easier than you think." "I learned that to see others find happiness in the little things is something really rewarding." "The truth is that there are a lot of bad things that need to be fixed in the world, but if everyone does something even really tiny to help, together it can make a big difference." "We're cleaning the world one beach at a time." "One burrito at a time you can make a person's day." "If everyone helped a little, we would all fix our world as a whole." "You can never help too much when you're helping those in need." "One more can of food is one less hour hungry." "The littlest things can brighten someone's day." "The more you help, the happier you'll be." "Even if you can't be there in person to help, you can still do a lot by helping from a distance." "One simple meal can make someone's day." "Helping others is the true human spirit." "I learned that sometimes small organizations just need to get the word out there for what they are doing." "Helping people is hard, but knowing you helped someone in need makes up for it." "By helping kids out, it will help them in the future when they sprout." "No one has ever done any harm by helping others, even the smallest thing can impact someone's life drastically." "Just because someone or something looks hopeless doesn't mean that you can't be there to try and make it better." "Helping others helps everyone's soul." "I learned that you can get just as much out of giving as you get from receiving." "Helping people in need makes our planet a better place." "It felt awesome to share my love of books with less fortunate kids." "I learned that by helping the homeless people of Portland I was helping something even bigger. A community. A city." "We can't help everyone, but we can try to help as many people as we can." "The less greedy, the less needy." "The more we put in is the more we get out." "Helping others gives them joy. That joy will be passed on around and around and before you know it your joy has been shared with hundreds to thousands of people and will all come back to you." "It feels amazing to help others and the community." "I learned that tons of people are in need and they need the most help they can get." "When doing fun things it makes people happy" "Being kind to someone can make them happier for a lifetime."*

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## 5TH GRADE: KIDS HELPING KIDS

In an ALL-SCHOOL DRIVE, 5th graders collected and sorted coats, hats and gloves for Northwest Children's Outreach totaling 80 bags of warm clothes to benefit local foster youth. Students also decorated and sent out fliers to place in every students folders to promote the drive.



## 8TH GRADE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During the school year, 8th graders led six ALL-SCHOOL food drives to benefit **St. Vincent de Paul** food pantry at All Saints. Donations averaged 230 pounds each month and an impressive 684 pounds in the December drive! It was an amazing turn out of participation each month.

During the past year, our pantry was an important resource to support of people working through food insecurity in the All Saints and St. Francis parish neighborhoods.

St. Vincent de Paul has been serving Portland since 1869 as a way to help people escape the cycle of poverty.

### A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR...

COT's grade specific projects didn't all translate for a year of distance learning and a pandemic. 2020/2021 brought a few changes and pauses. Next year will bring back more opportunities for service!

All Saints school is committed to fostering outreach in support of social consciousness and the virtues of justice and compassion.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM MISSION:

Our role is to help in building a foundation of compassion and giving in our children that reflect our Catholic values. We provide ongoing, age appropriate community service projects for each grade with the support of our teachers, school staff and parent volunteers.

Want more information or to volunteer? Email [cot@allsaintsportland.com](mailto:cot@allsaintsportland.com)