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Caroling for a Cause

Ford Elementary Youth Collect Items for Local Food Pantry

Marietta, Ga. (December 15, 2008) On Friday, December 19, 26 fourth and fifth graders from the Ford Elementary student council will participate in “Caroling for Cans,” a community service project to support needy families in Cobb County. Together with three teachers, the students will carol for non-perishable food and other items that will benefit the food pantry at The Center for Family Resources (CFR), located at 995 Roswell Street in Marietta.

The caroling project is just one of the community-minded initiatives the students have been working on this year. Fifth grade teacher and student council advisor Kellee Strickland explains the group brainstormed early in the school year and decided to focus on service rather than fundraising.

“We found we had a real opportunity to foster their desire to get involved in the community,” Strickland said.

Other initiatives of the group include Christmas cards created for local retirement and nursing homes and recycling. Under the guidance of Strickland and two other teachers, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Goodall, the students were able to identify projects that meant something to them and had the opportunity to learn about their community.

“The economy has affected many homes in Cobb County and our students show they understand,” Peggy Pepper, Ford Elementary principal said. Our students are tender-hearted and caring... I am really proud of them.”

The items that have been requested to support CFR’s food pantry include peanut butter and jelly, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), cereal and cereal bars, canned fruit, laundry detergent and diapers.

“We are so grateful for the support of these young boys and girls and their parents, and for the support of the administration and teachers at Ford Elementary, Jeri Barr, CFR CEO said. Their caroling efforts will help CFR provide food for families in need and perhaps make the season a bit brighter. We appreciate their efforts.”

The students will carol around Acworth’s Brookstone neighborhood from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., ending at the home of parents Bill and Cheryl Musial for warm treats.

For more information about “Caroling for Cans,” please contact Cheryl Musial at 770.426.9116.

For more information about CFR, visit www.TheCFR.org.

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