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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Lancaster High School Students Serve and Give at Thanksgiving

Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD – Members of the Lancaster High School Student Council participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual HEB - Central Market Feast of Sharing on November 10 and had an opportunity to spend the afternoon warming hearts and serving Thanksgiving meals to area families who are less fortunate.

“We want our students to give back to the community and realize that not everyone shares the same circumstances,” Briana Peterson, Lancaster High School Student Council Advisor said.

The students worked alongside other community volunteers and helped with welcoming and seating the guests as well as actually delivering the meals to the table.

“It allows an intersection with people that they might not be familiar with,” Peterson said. “It increases their communications skills and exposes them to an experience that changes people’s lives.”

Jonathan Hal, one of the event organizers was grateful to have students volunteering during this annual event and agrees with Peterson about the value of their participation.

“It teaches a sense of community and service and it also helps them to realize that there is someone worse off than them.”

LHS students collectively appreciated the experience of seeing life through a different lens and having the opportunity to brighten someone else’s day.

“This was a life experience,” LHS student Xavien Johns said. “To see people your own age in need is humbling.”

Like Johns, LHS senior, Cassandra King felt a spirit of gratitude.

“I will remember the smiles I helped to create. I feel like, we get an opportunity to understand what people go through and appreciate what we have.”

King also shared that she and fellow LHS student, London Fontenot, received an unforgettable heartwarming experience.

“The most memorable thing that will always remain in my heart is the moment when a little baby saw me and opened his arms for me to pick him up. I did and he just would not let me go!”

The event was held at Fair Park’s Centennial Building and selected attendees from six Dallas shelters and community service and support locations including “The Bridge, the Salvation Army and the Dallas Life Foundation. In all, this year the Central Market Feast of Sharing Event served 12,000 people throughout the day.



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