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Carrollton Elementary Students Raise Money for Christian Outreach Program

Second Graders Donate \$1,900 to Non-Profit to Support Food Pantry

ISLE OF WIGHT CO., VA – March 30, 2018—Second graders at Carrollton Elementary School hosted an Empty Bowls, Full Hearts Expo to raise funds for the Food Pantry sponsored by the Isle of Wight County Christian Outreach Program. Students created and decorated ceramic bowls that were used for a dinner hosted at the school. For a \$5.00 ticket, the approximately 250 guests were treated to a meal that included Chicken Tortilla soup prepared by Isle of Wight County Schools' Culinary Arts students. Carrollton students brought in hundreds of cans of chicken stock, corn, and black beans, while local businesses including Farmer's Bank, Q Daddy's Pitmaster BBQ, and Smithfield Gourmet Bakery contributed food items and supplies to support the event. A silent auction of ceramic art created by students and teachers, as well as some donated pieces from the Peninsula Fine Arts Center, generated additional funds for the donation. In addition to the money raised that evening, the SEARCH students coordinated a school-wide food drive that collected 1,024 items for the Food Pantry.

On March 29, representatives from Christian Outreach were invited to Carrollton Elementary School, where they were presented with a check for \$1,937.94. Becky Farmer from Christian Outreach told the audience of 2nd graders, "This donation will help feed many, many people. Thank you for thinking of others." The program was coordinated by Gifted Resource teacher Jamie Ball, Art teacher Heather Enyingi, and Physical Education teacher Emily Madden.



Back row, left to right, back row: Heather Enyingi, Becky Farmer, Jamie Ball, Barbara Stafford, Emily Madden

Front row, left to right: Cailey Turner, Jackson Burch

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