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Heritage Oak Helps Those in Need

What a wonderful spirit of giving the students have at Heritage Oak. During the annual canned food drive in late November, they collected over **10,000 servings of food and dry good** items which were donated to the Second Harvest Food bank of Orange County.

In addition to the canned food drive, Heritage Oak students collected Holiday gifts for the St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota, a residential school for Native American children in first through twelfth grade and serving one of the poorest Native American reservations in the United States. In the past years, students collected shoes for "Shoes for the Soul" organization, which serves an orphanage and village near Rosarito Beach in Mexico. Both the Food Bank Drive and the Holiday gift giving were events sponsored by Heritage Oak's ASB/Leadership team

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.