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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 **8700 servings of food and dry good** items which were donated to the Orange County Food bank.

Mrs. Laurie Hicks' second grade class did a particularly fine job by collecting almost 1400 servings. All of the classes did a fine job in keeping Heritage Oak's ASB/Leadership team busy counting those servings!

In addition to the canned food drive, Heritage Oak students collected gifts for the "Shoes for the Soul" organization. The students collected shoes and gifts for over 425 children living in an orphanage and village near Rosarito Beach in Mexico. Both giving opportunities were sponsored by the ASB/Leadership team.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeing 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.