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**The Fulton School's Tackle Hunger Campaign Scores Big Win for Helping Hands**

**HEATH, TEXAS, September 28, 2011** —From September 12 until the 23, the senior class at The Fulton School, a private, coeducational PreK3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade college preparatory school, held a food drive dedicated to filling the depleted shelves of the food pantry at Helping Hands of Rockwall County. With a theme of "Let's Tackle Hunger," the school collected 4,746 food items.

"This is one of the largest food donations that we've had in the past four months!" commented Paul Hamm, a Helping Hands pantry volunteer. "It filled up a *lot* of empty places in our shelves."

Led by Tim Borgen, Terrence Kennell, and Kierra Tatum, Fulton's senior class motivated the student body with a coveted prize: the class that collected the most food would lead the varsity football team onto the field during the Falcon's Homecoming game on Friday, September 23. The competition was fierce, but in the end Mrs. Nissa Graves' class of 14 kindergarteners won by collecting more than 1,500 food items. The pint-sized students each donned a Fulton Falcon



jersey before joining hands with a varsity football player to run through and break the homecoming banner amidst cheers from the crowded bleachers.

"Service to others as the highest human calling is one of the major tenets we

teach each of our students from 3 years old through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. With our senior class leading the way with this food drive, our students have made a real difference in the community," said Matt Burgy, Fulton's head of school.

"I am amazed that a school of 170 students could come up with such a large number of donations!" exclaimed Dana Johnson, president of The Fulton School's Parents and Teacher Association. "The enthusiasm and involvement of everyone from toddlers to high school

students was phenomenal. These students really take the school motto of Service, Excellence, and Honor to heart. I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them."

Rockwall County Helping Hands food pantry offers relief to those families who are unable to put food on the table due to a crisis. Families are provided with enough canned goods, staples and refrigerated and frozen items to last five to seven days. In 2010 Helping Hands gave away 23,497 bags of food valued at over \$230,000. If you missed Fulton's food drive, you can still donate contributions directly to Helping Hands at 950 Williams Street (Hwy. 66) in Rockwall.

### **About The Fulton School**

The Fulton School is a co-educational, accredited college preparatory school for PreK3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is dedicated to igniting a lifelong passion for learning, inspiring self-discovery, instilling civic leadership, and motivating its students to continually pursue excellence. In addition to a rigorous curriculum taught by dedicated, degreed teachers in a small class size environment, Fulton provides numerous extracurricular and service activities to develop well-rounded, responsible future leaders. For more information, please visit [www.thefultonschool.org](http://www.thefultonschool.org).

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