



# *Bridging the GAP*

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The Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) has this mission statement on its website: *We are an emergency assistance agency, and it is our hope that the immediate assistance given will prevent the client from falling further behind and assist the families to get back on their feet.*

With the concept of “Bridging the GAP”, the Grandview High School NHS decided that we would contribute to the mission statement of the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) and assist families in need during these poor economic times. Throughout the 2009-2010 school year, NHS designed activities that would assist the families in our school and community.



In August, 2009, our chapter collected back to school supplies and donated for the Belvedere Elementary School. During registration prior to the start of school, a list of specific supplies was given to the membership. The response was outstanding. Items given included the basics such as paper, pencils, glue, scissors, school boxes, crayons, markers, backpacks, spiral notebooks and folders. The delivery was made by a former Belvedere student, Alexandria Crews, which made the experience especially meaningful for her.



In September, NHS members collected toiletry items such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, and deodorant to the GHS school nurse's office. These items were given to help students in our school that may not be able to afford items needed to maintain good hygiene during these rough economic times.



To assist families in need during the Thanksgiving season, the newly inducted and current members collected canned goods for the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP). This service project was announced at the Induction ceremony, which was well attended by members, inductees, family and friends. Again, the response to provide assistance for children and families in the Grandview community was generous. Members brought close to 300 canned goods to Miss Whitford's room within the next week. The staff at GAP was pleased with the timing of the donations—just in time for the high demand of the holiday season.



NHS members also adopted three families for the holidays. At the December NHS meeting, members drew names for the children of the families. Members purchased and wrapped gifts for the children they selected. Also, NHS purchased \$50 grocery gift certificates for each of the families so they could have a holiday meal. These families were extremely appreciative of the gifts.



In January, the membership conducted a mitten, hat, and scarf drive to provide warm accessories for the children of Grandview. Having warm gloves and hats allowed the children the opportunity to play outdoors at recess and after school during the cold winter weather. The items were collected at the monthly meeting and a majority of the NHS members participated, as well as some of the high school administrators. Sabrina O’Keefe and Tiffany Kramer delivered pairs of mittens, hats, and gloves to GAP. The GAP staff was very happy to receive our delivery just in time for the extremely cold weather.



We as members of the Grandview High School NHS believe that we have contributed to the betterment of our community by “Bridging the GAP” with this series of activities. We have contributed to The Grandview Assistance Program’s goal of helping families to get back on their feet.