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Hunterdon Freeholders Recognize Kingwood Students Fundraising Efforts

Recently during Hurricane Harvey, Kingwood, New Jersey and Kingwood, Texas were in the news as a result of a flood-water rescue call routed through the Kingwood Rescue Squad. Due to the quick-thinking members of the Hunterdon County Communications Center, help was dispatched to the Kingwood, Texas individuals and they were rescued from rising flood waters. Kingwood, New Jersey students were motivated by these actions to organize several fundraisers to help Kingwood, Texas, Middle School students after hearing about their hardships.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders presented the Kingwood Township School students, represented by Summer Spano, Student Council President and Logan Blake, Student Council Vice President, with a Proclamation commending the students and staff for their fundraising efforts to aid Texas students in need. Freeholder Director John E. Lanza said, "It is great to have such selfless and caring individuals as residents. The students of Hunterdon County have gone above and beyond to give back to those who have suffered from the ravages of Hurricane Harvey. Your magnanimous behavior sets an example for all to follow."

Superintendent Rick Falkenstein said, "The students were excited about this 9-1-1 rescue and felt they could do more. Kingwood Township School heard about two lives that were saved and felt motivated to give back to the community in Texas that bears the same name. The school came together and organized the video, planned the car wash, and organized a bake sale and flower sale, in order to raise funds for the Kingwood Middle School in Texas which was directly affected by Hurricane Harvey. Their humanitarian efforts not only raised funds, it brought the community together here in New Jersey, and bonded them with the community in Texas."

Through the Kingwood Township School fund-raising efforts, almost \$1,400 was raised and has been sent to the Kingwood Middle School to help students and staff to help them through this difficult time.

If you would like to help, donations are still being accepted by The Salvation Army at their website:

https://give.salvationarmyusa.org/site/Donation2%3Bjsessionid=00000000.app30108b?df_id=27651&mfc_pref=T&27651.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=A285451052EF7C675674983F73F1FCB5.

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