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School Donates Over 1,000 lbs. of Food to Local Food Bank

REDMOND, WA – While most schools have a charitable component around the holidays, MCH (Montessori Children's House, mchkids.com) considers giving back a part of their curriculum.

Beginning in November 2019, the school that serves students from 6 weeks old up until 8^{th} grade started another campaign in support of HopeLink. This is the third year that the AMS-accredited school has chosen HopeLink to partner with and the decision was purely intentional.

"We wanted to find an organization that was close to home," said Head of School Jennifer McConnell. "Our Community Engagement Program is designed to show students that helping people doesn't feel out of touch; there are people in need right here in our own neighborhoods."

Taking a cue from HopeLink's 'most needed' items list, the students gathered resources for a month. Middle school students inventoried the food, elementary students loaded the truck, donations came from infant/toddler and Early Childhood classrooms, and middle schoolers delivered and unloaded the truck at HopeLink.

"Loading the food into the facility is a huge part of the process," said Middle School Program Director and Lead Teacher, Marc Cobb. "It makes it real. It solidifies the impact of their efforts." As a result of the drive, MCH donated over a thousand pounds of food to HopeLink, helping fill the shelves right when the organization needed it most.

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MCH (MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE)

Nurture AND Nature; developing your child's individual passions and strengths. Because today's child is tomorrow's future.

Montessori Children's House is an AMS accredited Montessori school for children six weeks through eighth grade. Committed to an excellent holistic Montessori education that includes the partnership and involvement of families within our community, MCH is inspired by a growth mindset and is dedicated to serving the individual educational needs for children of all backgrounds.

Our beautiful five-acre campus is surrounded by protected wetlands and forested areas and is home to several farm animals including goats, chickens, rabbits, ducks and more. With a fully enclosed Nature Trail, well-developed enrichment and extracurricular programs, this farm-like peaceful setting connects MCH students to their natural world.