

HHS students pack comfort items for children in natural disasters

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Holyoke High School Leadership class was recently involved in a High School of Business project to collect comfort items for natural disaster victims, partnering with other schools and the Red Cross to sort and package items in Sterling Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Beginning in mid-September, the original project objective was to collect donations for flood victims in the Sterling area.

However, the objective was altered when the class was informed that flood victims had already been relieved through other services. The new project mission was to collect comfort items for children ages 1-12, to be distributed to future natural disaster victims through the Red Cross.

Without hesitation, the students put their new plan into action. They informed the community through hanging flyers and handmade posters in the high school, submitting an announcement to be read over the school intercom daily and distributing newsletters to be distributed to students in ICAP classes.

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HHS leadership class students show off their completed donation bags for children in natural disasters. The students are pictured from left, front row, Red Cross representative Cathy Starkebaum, Kayla Marshall, Anastasia Conklin and a Red Cross representative; second row, Kelsey Kramer, Wendy Payan and teacher Chuck Hurst; and back row, Morgan Philips, Zach Churchwell, Xander Nelson and Federica Detomas.

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