

**Caraway Elementary Students Prepare For “The Drive”
Austin and Round Rock, Texas to *Benefit From Nation’s Largest Student-Run
Food and Clothing Drive***



The Drive is one “road trip” no student should ever miss. “The Drive” is the nation’s largest student-run food and clothing drive. Now in its second year, The Drive is a youth service project designed to give students the tools to help address the issues of hunger, homelessness and poverty in Central Texas. The Drive is sponsored by A Legacy of Giving in partnership with 14 Austin-area schools and local direct service organizations. A Legacy of Giving is a local nonprofit organization that empowers students to make a positive difference in their communities and the world. A Legacy of Giving is affiliated with The LEAGUE, a national organization with a parallel mission. In Round Rock, students and teachers will be collecting food and clothing for distribution to those who need it most through Capital Area Food Bank.

“Last year, 39,000 students across the nation participated in The Drive and collected \$615,000 worth of food and clothing in just 21 days, and 2,200 students in central Texas collected 22,667 pounds of food,” says Linda Brucker, executive director of A Legacy of Giving. “This year, we’re determined to beat that record as the need is greater than ever.” We encourage all Round Rock residents to join us by dropping off food donations at Caraway Elementary from October 30 – November 23. Parents are also encouraged to support their children in this effort of helping others.* Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of countless people by doing our part to end hunger.

Nationally, The Drive gets under way on November 5, and runs through November 26, and every student in every school can participate. For Caraway Elementary specifically, the food drive will take place from October 30 – November 24, when a huge PODS storage unit will be placed near the entrance of the school on the Oak View side. As in sports, each class will score “points” for each item delivered to the community agency they have chosen as a school; which for Caraway is the Capital Area Food Bank. The points will be converted into dollar values – demonstrating the economic impact on the community.

Please contact Courtney Harker, Project Coordinator for A Legacy of Giving, with any questions, comments or concerns at Courtney.Harker@leagueworldwide.org.

*The Capital Area Food Bank suggests donating food that is heavy in protein, such as tuna or peanut butter.