



# Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

You have been hearing about our Heifer Heroes project for several weeks now. Our students clearly accepted the challenge to raise money for the purchase of animals to be given to needy families both in the United States and abroad. If you have been reading our updates in Buffalo Bytes, you saw that the activities classes designed and followed through on almost always included effort on their part and were not just easy opportunities to ask for money. That had been our greatest hope – that students would give “sweat equity” and learn what a joy such commitment can be.

And now the results. Old Trail School will be donating the following to Heifer International:

- Trio of rabbits: 13
- Share of rabbits: 4
- Pig: 2
- Share of pig: 1
- Heifer: 1
- Flock of chicks: 17
- Flock of ducks/geese: 16
- Flocks of Hope: 3
- Sheep: 2
- Share of sheep: 1
- Goat: 4
- Share of goat: 14
- Honeybees: 10
- Water buffalo: 4
- Llama: 1
- Share of heifer: 1



*What a glorious barnyard!!*



On Tuesday, April 14, the Old Trail School **eighth grade** class was honored by Akron Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic and U.S. Congressman Tim Ryan at the Global Youth Service Day Recognition Program. The eighth graders were recognized for their service at the Williard Food Pantry in Akron. Five students, Audrey B., Creighton J., Spencer O., Ben W. and Zoe S. accepted Global Youth Service certificates on behalf of the entire OTS class of 2009.

The class volunteered 150 hours by unpacking trucks, gathering and organizing food and supplies, and packing orders for clients. Students and advisors also host a monthly OTS Café for the middle school. At the Café, middle school students can purchase hot chocolate and donuts. All proceeds from the Café are donated to the Williard Food Pantry. Congratulations eighth grade!

Serving together,

*Judy & Mandy*