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### Service Abounds at Mount Mercy Academy

Again during the month of November Mount Mercy Academy students and staff continued to serve the community. The school provided meals at the Ronald McDonald House, sent cards to a young boy suffering from terminal cancer and made pies for the Journey's End Thanksgiving feast, just to mention a few of the activities that took place this month.

A small but dedicated crew prepared dinner for the family members staying at the house while visiting patients in area hospitals. The hot meal of meatloaf and mashed potatoes warmed the weary hearts of the guests at the Ronald McDonald House.

During lunches the students made cards for Jacob Thompson, a nine year old boy fighting terminal cancer. Thompson requested cards for his last Christmas. Sophomore class president Olivia Larson (Orchard Park) coordinated the project.

The sophomore class donated money to buy the supplies to make 25 pies for the Journey's End Thanksgiving feast. The class then worked together to make, bake and plate the pies. Sophomores Morgan Bentkowski (Buffalo) and Evelyn Nowak (Orchard Park) represented the Class of 2020 at the event.

Students also spent time playing board games with the Sisters of Mercy who live at the Mercy Center and also volunteered to take part in the Sister Companion program which matches sophomores with Sisters of Mercy to spend time together. The sophomores also sent joke cards to Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

The students also continued to raise funds for the Mercy Rising Project. The students had a week of Penny Wars which raised over a thousand dollars for the project which supports the rebuilding of a school on the border of Nigeria and Cameroon that was destroyed by the Boko Haram. The school is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. This project has been spearheaded by the leadership team of seniors Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) and Megan Michalski (Buffalo), junior Megan Cycon (West Seneca) and sophomore Olivia Larson (Orchard Park).

In addition, the varsity basketball team conducted a clinic for 25 basketball players at Saint Mary's School for the deaf. The JV and Varsity team also participated in a Toys for Tots game with the Springville teams and helped to raise five hundred dollars and filled ten bins with toys for families in need.

Mount Mercy students and staff continue to live out the school's mission of compassionate service





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