

This past December, the Heart of a Hornet Club (HOAH) at Hardyston Elementary School worked on a community service project supporting the Samaritan Inn based in Newton, NJ by collecting household supplies, such as, cleaners and paper products (e.g. toilet paper, paper towel, etc.). The Samaritan Inn is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food and temporary shelter to homeless families in Sussex County, as well as, counselling and skill building programs in family maintenance and growth. In 2017, the Samaritan Inn helped 126 people find temporary housing, of which, 67 were children. However, the Samaritan Inn helped well over 1,000 people through their other programs.

Through the generous contributions of the Hardyston school community, the HOAH Club was able to collect two barrels full of supplies! Students also volunteered their time to deliver the donations to the Samaritan Inn on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Students and teachers met with the organization's Director, Dawn Metzger, who further explained how their community service project helped local families in need.



Samaritan Inn Director, Dawn Metzger (far left) is showing students and teachers the food pantry, and explaining how their supplies will help local families.

During the school's pep rally on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Todd Tavares, a member of the Samaritan Inn's Board of Directors, thanked the students for their charitable will and efforts in giving local families "a hand up" as they rebuild their lives.



The HOAH Club members along with Hardyston Elementary School's Principal, Mrs. Cimaglia (far left), Mrs. Kasa (Teacher), Todd Tavares, and Tiffany Tavares (Teacher).

To learn more about the Samaritan Inn please visit, [www.samaritaninn.org](http://www.samaritaninn.org).