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CHAPMAN HILLS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE *HOLIDAY HEROES!*

For the third year in a row, Chapman Hills’ students and families have become *Holiday Heroes* by “adopting” local foster families in need. In a continuous partnership with Orange County Social Services, students donated food, gifts and gift cards to help make the holidays for these families a little brighter. Parents, Jeff Patrick and Cheryl Duzman, facilitated the coordination of this effort and it was an overwhelming success again this year! Each classroom “adopted” a local foster family and collected gifts and food to make a “pawsitive” difference in their lives and holiday season! This year, through the *Holiday Heroes* program, Chapman Hills was able to reach out to 19 families and 57 children. Through the student’s generous efforts, 40 boxes of food, gifts for 57 children and over \$1250 in gift cards were collected for the families! On December 8th, the school held a gift wrapping and hot chocolate party to wrap all the gifts and celebrate the wonderful giving spirit of our students. Sharon Landis, Roylyn Burton, and a few other representatives from OC Social Services attended the event as well as Villa Park City Council Member, Deborah Pauly. Gary Taylor, Director of OC Children and Family Services, also stopped by to thank the students for their generous efforts and let them know what a great impact this has on the families adopted by Chapman Hills.

School principal Julie Lucas shared, “I am so proud of and thankful for our students and families. We are blessed to live in a community that reaches out to those in need. Through our *Holiday Heroes* program our students and families are demonstrating the compassionate and generous family-like culture that makes Chapman Hills so special.”

Way to go Bobcats!

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street, Orange, CA

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