

Clothing Donation

The Western Avenue School community in Flossmoor School District 161 provided an abundance of winter clothing recently for the children of the more than 240 Haitians arriving at Chicago O'Hare airport.

The students and their families were exhibiting caring and citizenship, two of the six pillars of character that are part of the District's CHARACTER COUNTS! program.

When the students, staff and parents learned of the urgent need for warm clothing for the Haitian children, they took action. In less than a day they collected so much clothing that volunteer Sheri Swansey, parent of fourth grade student Micah, delivered two truck loads of donations to the collection sites at the Christian Industrial League and A Safe Haven Foundation. When she arrived at the facility, the staff expressed disbelief at the amount of donated clothing packed into her truck.

Flossmoor School District is proud of Western Avenue School's most recent example of caring and citizenship. CHARACTER COUNTS! teaches and models common values called the Six Pillars of character which are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.