Teach a Lesson in Giving Back

Mrs. Thompson’s crew of 4th and 5th graders from Novato, CA raised $200 to donate to the “We Fund a Hero” Fund for the first responders who lost their homes in the California fires.

Students at West End Day School in NYC held a school-wide “Caring for Vets and Pets” bake sale to raise funds for the training of therapeutic dogs for our veterans, and wrote postcards of support to veterans through A Million Thanks.

The 2nd & 7 Foundation promotes reading by providing free books and positive role models to kids in need while encouraging young athletes to pay it forward. On GivingTuesday, the Foundation partnered with local youth athletic teams for young athletes to #PayItForward. Coaches signed up their student athletes and brought books to classrooms and read for elementary school students in the Columbus, Ohio area.

Get Students Involved in Fundraising

Catholic Schools across the US fundraised during the #IGiveCatholic for GivingTuesday campaign. Students got involved in their school’s fundraising campaigns, volunteered to help with parish participants’ social media channels, and more. Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School in Athens, GA, held a Dollars for Scholars: Duct Tape Challenge. Parents + supporters could give to duct tape the students to the wall during lunch (all in good fun, of course). Sacred Heart Catholic School in Boise had students participate in creating a thank you video.

Host a Canned Food Drive

Students + families in a Hobart, IN school raised $6,750 and hundreds of canned goods to support School City of Hobart Building Brickies program and local families in Hobart, IN. The school system encouraged every child to bring in a dollar to give to their Prenatal-Five Parent Support program and a canned good for the food basket program. As an incentive, each kid was then able to wear PJ’s for the whole day on GivingTuesday!

Give Good Nights to People Experiencing Homelessness

High school students from schools throughout the Bay Area to volunteered for Project Humanity to assemble and distribute “goodnight kits” to people experiencing homelessness. The kits included a sleeping bag, mat, tarp, blanket, pillow, backpack, and hygiene essentials. The students also included handwritten heartfelt letters to the recipients.

Celebrate Every Tuesday With Acts of Kindness

Students at Peabody-Burns High School in Kansas celebrated GivingTuesday every Tuesday in November with different initiatives like “Be Neighborly Day,” in which students were encouraged to rake leaves, visit, babysit or do something else kind for a neighbor. Another week, students organized a goods drive to benefit care homes and food drives for a local food bank. Activities concluded with a Winterfest Program at the high school on GivingTuesday, with displays from local charities, and entertainment by the winter sports teams, cheerleaders and pep band. Local businesses matched any donations made to the Peabody Community Foundation at the event.

Kindness is teachable and it’s contagious.