

# Summer Creek High School FFA leads project to feed 30,000

On Thursday Dec. 5, Over 450 FFA students from Humble ISD's high schools and 17 other area high schools gathered in the Summer Creek High School gymnasium to package 30,000 meals for local food banks, pantries and shelters. Through Houston's Kids Against Hunger, FFA students raised \$9,000 to purchase the ingredients for the meals. These highly nutritious meals contain soy protein, chicken flavored vitamin power, dehydrated vegetables and rice. Once packaged, the shelf life is three years and can meet the dietary needs of children in any part of the world. The event was planned by the students of the Summer Creek FFA chapter, which is led by Ag Science Teachers David Laird & Brandy Whisenant.

"This event is important for our kids because it teaches them to think outside of themselves; and that if they work together no challenge is too big to tackle!" said Mr. Laird

Kylee Newberry, a student in Summer Creek High School FFA, added, "Its an amazing thing that so many people would volunteer to help do this. Not everyone knows if they are going to eat when they go home at night. Its important to me because I know I'm helping other people."

The members of Summer Creek FFA hope that this event is just a spring board to show other organizations what can be done. They are excited to work with other organizations to organize packing events of their own. Summer Creek High School has already signed on to host a 100,000 meal pack at the end of the spring semester.

Participating high school FFA's were from Summer Creek, Humble, Kingwood, Kingwood Park, Atascocita, Sheldon, Huffman, Northshore, Galena Park, Crosby, Spring, Wunsche, Westfield, Nimitz, Ben Davis, MacArthur, Spring, Dekaney, Bellaire, Eisenhower, Alief, and Aldine.

