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West Bend High Schools Charity Week Surpasses Goals

West Bend, WI — More than \$80,000 in contributions have been pledged as a result of the 21st Annual West Bend High Schools Charity Week, February 24-March 1, 2025.

Since the first Charity Week in 2004, the student council-led event has raised a total of \$524,463 for local and national charitable organizations.

Charity Week is a great opportunity for the high school students and staff to not only learn about charitable organizations and how they can make a meaningful impact in the lives of others, but also see how both charitable organizations and businesses strengthen communities. The deserving organizations will receive donations this year include:

Washington County Humane Society
St. Vincent de Paul
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County
Children's Wisconsin Foundation
Wisconsin Guardian Foundation
Full Shelf Food Pantry

The week is made possible by the East and West High Schools Student Council, with members planning, organizing, and promoting it. One of their most important jobs is to recruit local businesses to donate as well. The local businesses and organizations that supported the effort this year include:

Donating to Washington County Humane Society:

- Steiner Electric
- Sunrise Rotary

- East and West High Schools Student Council

Donating to St. Vincent de Paul:

- West Bend Insurance
- Weimer Bearing & Transmission
- American Companies

Donating to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County:

- Alpha Custom Apparel
- Skip & Cindy Clark
- Tennes Ace Hardware

Donating to Children's Wisconsin Foundation:

- PSA Laboratory Furniture

Donating to Wisconsin Guardian Foundation:

- Delta Defense
- Next Level Builders
- Nifty Nibble

Donations to Full Shelf Food Pantry

- Regal Ware, Inc.
- Westbury Bank

The culminating event for Charity Week was the Charity Dance on Saturday, March 1. East, West, and Kewaskum High School students were invited. The student council paid for the dance, so the entire cost of each \$20 ticket went to Full Shelf Food Pantry. In fact, Regal Ware generously matched the full donation, resulting in a total donation of more than \$34,000 to Full Shelf Food Pantry.

Other businesses donated in-kind gifts to use as raffle prizes. Students and staff making donations are eligible to win one of four one-year household memberships for the Kettle Moraine YMCA or one of two \$500 Southwest Flight vouchers from Shooting Star Travel.

A Charity Dance court made up of East and West students was named after voting by the full student body. This year the court included:

Sidney Fletcher and Grant Young (freshmen)
 Isabella Downs and Zachary Fechter (sophomores)
 Violet Zier and Jasper Waybright (juniors)
 Lily Inkmann and Luke Fredricks (seniors)
 Carson Steinhaus (queen) and Christian Emery (king)

The student council will hold a check presentation for all the charities on Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m. in the West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Gallery.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit www.west-bend.k12.wi.us for more information.

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Photo: During Charity Week, East and West students are invited to participate in dress-up days. Here a group of students and Mr. Clark, student council advisor, show off their pink on Pink Day.