



East Haven HOSA'S Outreach



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The East Haven HOSA Chapter met for the first time December 8, 2005. We received our charter on Dec. 15 with ten student members, and immediately started work on a community service project for the holiday season. We decided to grant the wishes of local children whose families were being served by the East Haven Counseling Center. The HOSA chapter members contacted the Center's staff about the children's wishes and needs, and then advertised our effort throughout the high school. Nathaly Betancourt, HOSA Secretary, and the chapter advisor shopped with the monetary donations, and many members wrapped the gift donations and donated gifts themselves. On December 22, the East Haven HOSA chapter delivered 80 gifts to 15 children at the center. Each child was given a package with socks, a toothbrush and toothpaste. The remaining sixty toothbrushes and thirty tubes of toothpaste were given to the center's staff to be distributed whenever needed.

On December, 23rd, the principal announced the results of our efforts over the PA system just before the close of school for the holiday break.

This activity helped to raise awareness of HOSA among students, faculty and administrators alike, as well as giving us all a chance to help the underserved. It also raised the student's awareness of gum disease and its relationship to overall health. Not bad for our first 7 days!