



# Indiana HOSA Chapter Helps with Hurricane Katrina Relief

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The North White Health Occupations class in Monon, IN is composed of nine students, four from West Central High School and five from North White High School. Recently, the chapter raised over \$3,000 to send to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina. They sold T-shirts at both high schools and collected donations from residents and businesses in the surrounding communities. The project was started on September 1, 2005 and ended on September 29 when the students presented a check to representatives from the local American Red Cross.



North White HOSA advisor and Health Occupations instructor, Ingrid Miller, RN, BSN, said, "The enthusiasm was contagious at the beginning of the project, and donations and sales were astounding."

Lindsey Stevens of West Central High School was appointed committee chairman. Her responsibilities included raising donations and selling T-shirts from

Francesville as well as overseeing others on the committee. "We will have helped the lives of many people just by doing a small town fundraiser," Stevens said.

Assistant chairman, Brandi Tincher, of North White High School, was thrilled that this project helped their HOSA chapter and Health Occupations class work effectively as a team. Tincher collected donations in Monon, IN and also helped with selling T-Shirts.

As secretary of the hurricane relief project, Tabethia Carter, of West Central High School, made a scrapbook of the chapter's efforts during the month of September. The scrapbook contains follow-up reactions from each member and reports on his or her individual duties during the fundraiser.

The team treasurer, Jeff Bramalage, of North White High School, collected money and turned it into North White High School's treasurer each day. He gave \$50 from the relief funds to a Monon, IN resident who wanted to make flannel blankets to send to Louisiana through an organization called Newborns in Need.

Kelsey Cosgray, also of North White High School, handled the Public Relations area of the project and decided to sell the T-shirts for \$10. She ensured that \$5 of each sale was earmarked for the American Red Cross.



American Red Cross officials from White and Cass Counties in Indiana accept the check from Lindsey Stevens, Chairman, and Jeff Bramalage, Treasurer.

This Hurricane Katrina relief project brought the class together and was a great teambuilding experience that helped each member to embrace the unique personalities that make up the HOSA chapter and Health Occupations class. It certainly was a good feeling to know that this Health Occupations class was doing something to help others.

Ingrid Miller (Advisor), Kelsey Cosgray, Jeff Bramlage, Lindsey Stevens, Ashley Tiede, Sam Keeton, Tabethia Carter, Allison Housinger, Jenny Rickert, and Brandi Tincher.