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Cardinal Mooney students share a laugh as they load one of two pickup trucks with food, clothes and gifts targeted for needy families in the Rochester area.

Students learn true meaning of Christmas — through giving

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Christmas Day may be over, but the spirit of Christmas continues — especially for two families in the city of Rochester.

For the third consecutive year, the Brother Ephraim Chapter of the National Honor Society at Cardinal Mooney joined forces with the English Department to sponsor a series of fund-raising events. These included a lollipop sale, a food-for-film drive, and a dollar-or-donation drive to aid needy families.

"The goal was to get outside ourselves and to think of others," said Meg Bain, who has served as coordinator of the drive for six years.

The National Honor Society was given the names of needy families by Catholic Charities and also by Sister Dismas at Mt. Carmel.

Honor Society members were informed of each family's specific needs. The students then collected money, canned goods and other necessary items, and put together packages for each of the families. By December 19, the delivery day, more than \$1,200 worth of food, goods and gifts had been raised for the two families.

Many students purchased sweaters, gloves,

baby clothes and stuffed animals. One group of honor students used \$500 from the fund to buy winter jackets for the children in each family. Mt. Carmel distributed some of the clothing donations among needy residents of the area. Additional funds collected by the students were used to purchase much-needed lamps, furniture and gas stoves.

When Sister Dismas arrived to collect the food, clothing and gifts, two pickup trucks were needed to accommodate the large number of donations, according to Sister Mary Ann Coughlin.

All English classes had the option of donating money, food or other specific items to the families. In return, each student received free admission to view the Christmas film being shown at the school.

The second part of the program was the lollipop sale, held December 1 through 5, during all lunch periods. The money earned was added to the rest of the donations.

Honor Society members hope the project made students aware of the poverty around them and helped them appreciate the things they sometimes take for granted.

"Hopefully, it (the program) reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas," Bain said.

Equal Time

Bishop Kearney High School
What are your expectations for 1987?

LAURA NAYLON, Junior

My personal expectations are to maintain a strong academic average and continue to be involved in activities that are meaningful to me. I hope that this year will bring friendlier relations between people as well as countries.



RENEE DOBOSZ, Freshman

My expectations are to improve my grades and relationships with my peers. I would also like to continue cheerleading throughout the year.



STEVE ANDILORO, Freshman

My expectation for 1987 is to try and make varsity soccer in my sophomore year. I would like to raise my average so that I will get placed on the honor roll also.



CAROL MISSEL, Sophomore

Some of my expectations for 1987 are to meet new people, (because) this is my first year here at Kearney. I'd like to excel in my school work and the sports activities I am involved in. Through my experiences at Kearney, I hope to grow and develop into a better person.



Speaking Out

By Elizabeth Berliner
Notre Dame High School

Controversy is raging in Chemung County over the proposed foundation of a preventive health-care center for teens. If funding can be obtained, the center will offer various medical and counseling services, including health education, physical exams, lab and hygiene information, nutritional counseling and substance abuse counseling. The facility will also make referrals to neighboring agencies for additional care.

Opposition to the center's proposed family planning service may stand in the way of pending plans to open the facility. Although the center's coordinators don't intend to supply contraceptives or perform abortions, the center would make referrals to other agencies that do provide such services.

Many area opponents of abortion and birth control believe that the center will function as an arm of the pro-choice movement, working within the school system to supply access to birth control without parental consent. Pro-lifers fear the availability of birth control, even by referral, will lead to an increase in teenage promiscuity and venereal disease.

The project was initiated by the Chemung County Task Force on Teen Pregnancy and later adopted by the Junior League of Elmira, Inc. Project coordinators investigating the problem of teen pregnancy discovered that health

care for teens is generally lacking. Many teenagers outgrow the pediatrician's office and put off finding an internist or other primary care physician. Without adequate medical care, such teens may neglect their health or even fail to comprehend changes in their maturing bodies. This situation may lead to low self-esteem, substance abuse, eating disorders and even pregnancy.

Parents would be required to give general permission for their teens to frequent the center, yet center personnel would inform parents of specific visits or the details of treatment. To make the center more acceptable to opponents, advocates have suggested that parental permission be divided into such specific categories as counseling, nutrition and family planning. This option would permit students whose parents oppose the family planning service to take advantage of other services provided by the clinic.

At the very least, proponents believe, the health center's existence might open the lines of communication between teenagers and their parents. Because permission to participate is required, controversial issues would be brought out into the open for discussion within the family structure.

Similar centers in other parts of the country have been very successful in providing adolescents with health care that extends beyond the scope of such basic school services as physicals and testing of vision and hearing.

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From what 1972 America song do the following lyrics come from: "There were plants and birds and rocks and things, there were sand and hills and rings?"

A: _____

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