Bishop Stang students collect 6,525lbs of food for local charities



Bishop Stang High School hosted its 15th annual rock-a-thon event to support four local food pantries. The rock-a-thon resulted in over 6,525lbs of food collected.

Every year the members of the Bishop Stang High School Sr. Teresa Trayers, SND Chapter of the National Honor Society gather for a rock-a-thon food drive. The rock-a-thon has been a NHS activity since 1999. This year's student-led event had 106 members with 12 student officers (6 seniors and 6 juniors) as the leadership. Each member gives about two hours of their time to the Chapter by soliciting donations of food items and then rocking in a rocking chair for 45 minutes.

"The rock-a-thon is one of our NHS Chapter's many traditions. Participating in it is a privilege to me, not only because I'm honored to be a NHS member, but also because I'm fortunate to be able to contribute to the support of those who are

economically less fortunate than I am," said Theresa Gallagher, NHS president. "I love watching person after person file in with the food they've collected. We box it all and sort it into piles. It's incredible to observe the piles grow and see how our small efforts can combine to make such a big difference. It prompts me to give thanks for the many blessings that I have received and above all, to realize my obligation to contribute to the support of our local community."

Donna McDougal, NHS Advisor and Social Studies Department Chairperson closed with saying, "We beat last year's totals, and I have never seen a more efficiently and smoothly run food drive."