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science storage closet that could accommodate a refrigerator and shelving. During the school's breakfast service, students began collecting unconsumed items such as milk, fruit juice, cereal and energy bars for the pantry. Through student council fundraisers and private donations, the pantry obtained other items such as canned goods, pasta and personal hygiene items. The Energy Bar is open each afternoon so students can grab a snack or food to take home.

Brianna Freeman, a senior at Carnegie Vanguard High School in Houston ISD, mentors junior high students. Along with tutoring them, she teaches them about financial literacy. Freeman also volunteers in the summer at the school's math camp, a boot camp for incoming freshmen who need to boost their math skills. She volunteers at the school's Fight Hunger Club where she participates in food drives and works at soup kitchens multiple times a month.

Abigail Redin, a junior at Smithson Valley High School in Comal ISD, led a project called Soles4Souls in which 2,750 pairs of shoes were collected from six campuses in 11 days. The shoes were given to the non-profit Soles4Souls, which repurposes the shoes to supply micro-enterprise businesses, disaster relief and direct assistance programs, while keeping old shoes out of landfills.

A cancer survivor herself, Claudia Favela, a senior at Klein High School in Klein ISD, is dedicated to increasing awareness about childhood cancer in her community. Favela created the Be Bold, Go Gold organization to raise awareness about cancer and the need for greater research funding. She talks to young children about the importance of empathy and she and her team have volunteered at numerous fundraising events.

At the beginning of the school year, Alexandria Swett, a third-grade student at C.W. Cline Elementary School in Friendswood ISD, told her teacher that her personal goal for the year was to seek those who need encouragement and help them. Over the course of the year, she arranged for a special needs child to sit with Swett's class to help the student make new friends. She also got permission for a lonely child to join them for lunch. She gave a boy who was upset and cried frequently a worry stone for him to rub when he felt stressed. Swett also asked

