

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY COLLECTS GROCERIES TO FEED 500 PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., March 10, 2009 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that its students recently collected enough groceries to feed 500 people served by Neighborhood House <<http://www.neighb.org/>> in St. Paul. The food drive was one of many campus ministry activities held during Lent.

During the week of March 2, students picked up packs of 10 grocery bags that they distributed to their neighbors while telling them about food shelf needs in the community. Neighbors were then asked if they would fill the bags with food. Students picked up the bags by March 5, and the Neighborhood House picked up the collected food from the Academy on March 9. According to a Neighborhood House representative, the Saint Thomas Academy food collection **resulted in more food than any other organization associated with the facility had gathered in a single collection.**

On Monday, April 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Saint Thomas Academy community will host a soup dinner and pottery sale to raise fund for Sharing and Caring Hands <<http://www.sharingandcaringhands.org/>>, another nonprofit organization that feeds the hungry and homeless. Guests can purchase bowls made by students and parents for \$15 (which includes soup, bread and drink) or a soup dinner for \$5.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, Catholic, college preparatory, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com <<http://www.cadets.com>> .

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