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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CADETS TO PASS NEARLY 15,000 POUNDS OF FOOD ALONG THE ‘FOOD CHAIN’ TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Kowalski’s Markets Supports Academy’s 3rd Annual Advocacy of the Hungry Food Drive

WHAT: [Saint Thomas Academy](#), [Kowalski’s Markets](#) and [Neighborhood House](#) will conclude the **Third Annual Advocacy of the Hungry Food Drive** on Wednesday, March 9, with a human “food chain” passing nearly 15,000 pounds of food from the school’s court, up the stairs, out the front doors, down the steps to an awaiting semi trailer that will carry the food to Neighborhood House’s food shelves. As part of the nonprofit’s 2011 March food drive campaign, students filled Kowalski’s grocery bags with food they collected door-to-door in their neighborhoods from Monday, Feb. 24 through Wednesday, March 9.

Last year, Academy students, faculty and staff filled more than 2,000 Kowalski’s grocery bags with approximately 13,000 pounds of food – twice the amount of the Neighborhood House’s previous record one-time donation. This year, the goal is 15,000 pounds of food.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 9 – approx. 10:30 a.m.

WHO: Cindi Yang, basic needs manager for Neighborhood House
Adam Thompson, community relations manager for Neighborhood House
Jane Doyle, Saint Thomas Academy theology teacher
Saint Thomas Academy campus minister
Saint Thomas Academy cadets, faculty and staff

WHERE: Saint Thomas Academy
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BACKGROUND: Neighborhood House has set a statewide goal of raising \$140,000 in food and cash donations during [Minnesota FoodShare’s](#) 2011 March food drive campaign. This is the largest goal the organization has ever established.

Minnesota FoodShare’s March campaign is the largest food and fund drive in Minnesota. It coordinates with Minnesota communities and organizations to collect and donate food and/or funds to their local food shelf to help end hunger in Minnesota. The March campaign is responsible for more than half of the food distributed each year from food shelves across Minnesota.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2010-2011, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, 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, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com.

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