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IDS-CC Students Offer Double Dose of Charity To Metropolitan Ministries

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Eva Willard-Bauer is only in second grade and she already feels a strong sense of responsibility for those less fortunate in her community. After reading in the newspaper about Metropolitan Ministries' need for canned goods for its Thanksgiving food drive, she decided to take action.

Eva asked her teacher at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC), Fran Ehrlich, and then the school's headmaster, Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman, about initiating a drive to benefit Metropolitan Ministries. The result was a visit from Metropolitan Ministries' Janet Pantaleo who delivered a presentation to Eva's fellow first and second grade students explaining about the organization, its mission and the people it helps. She told the students that Metropolitan Ministries' most pressing need at the time was food for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

With that message in mind, the students began bringing in canned foods, boxed items and all sorts of non-perishables, filling the Metropolitan Ministries donation barrels, and the first and second grade classrooms, to overflowing.

The upper primary division's efforts for Thanksgiving compliments the IDS-CC student council's annual food drive to benefit Metropolitan Ministries during the subsequent winter holidays. Each year, the student council sponsors a drive to help local families by gathering holiday staples such as canned food, dried goods, stuffing, cranberry sauce and baby food.

"With a small donation from everyone, we're able to help families in the Tampa Bay area have a wonderful holiday," said student council advisor and teacher Lynne Grigelevich.

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located on Orange Grove Drive in northwest Hillsborough County with 550 students from PreK3 through 8th grade. At IDS, all children experience learning in a nurturing and highly academic environment focused on excellence and developing a positive self-concept. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 3,500 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers. For more information about IDS visit www.idsyves.com.

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