

## FROM NEW HOPE TO PANTHER LAKE ELEMENTARY

### The Impact of Your Donation

Thank you to all who contributed stockings and gifts for the children at Panther Lake Elementary School. For those who have asked how these gifts are distributed I want to share this with you: A teacher observes a child in their classroom; perhaps they wear the same clothes each day and do not have a hat or socks for when the weather turns cold. The teacher picks up the appropriate size stocking or gift bag for this boy or girl and discreetly gives it to them. If there are siblings, the other teachers will be informed in order that each child from that family will have a stocking. For most of these children, the stockings are the only present the child will receive.

Along with the stockings and gift bags, the school reached out to us for help with care packages for families in need. This was last-minute which meant we did not have the time to inform our congregation. Our Deacons and a family from church were able to provide four complete care packages. Our Mission Quilters donated 11 beautiful quilts which they handmade and now 11 families are enjoying those keepsakes.

This is an email I received on December 15 from the school staff:

*"On behalf of Panther Lake I just wanted to thank New Hope Church so much for your continued support for our students and partnership with us. Our teachers were so happy to be able to select stockings to send home with their students. There were about 90 stockings and they went fast! Many of our kids came in today wearing their hats and gloves. It warms my heart to see them so excited about it. I just wanted to let you know that with your help we were able to provide warm wishes care packages to 16 families as well as approximately \$75 in gift cards to EACH family. The love and generosity from your congregation is absolutely wonderful. I hope that you all were able to enjoy our treats last week. Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you in the New Year! 😊"*

Now there is a permanent donation box for Panther Lake Elementary School in the Lobby/Narthex along with lists of needed items. The list will change depending on the needs for that season of the year, or you may contact me: [debbie@newhopekent.org](mailto:debbie@newhopekent.org) and I will forward the list to you.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to each of you who sacrificially gave during 2017. Thank you!

With love in Christ,  
Debbie Green  
Director, New Hope Kids