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Paris High School students conducted successful clothing drive

The Paris High School National Honor Society announces the Back-to-School clothing Drive exceeded all goals all expectations. With the support of Maurices in Mirabeau Square offering 20% off for clothing donations, NHS was able to collect over 3,500 clothing items for all ages.

According to drive chairman, Trey Kraft, the goal of 1,000 items was met within the first 7 days and at one point The Salvation Army was forced to turn away donations for lack of space. Donations were temporarily redirected to Christians in Action at that time.

NHS members who assisted Kraft with the clothing drive were Caroline Chappell, Will Henderson, John Lewis, Luke Lewis, Kendall McDonald, and Ellen Temple.

"It was a huge success," said Kraft. "The Paris ISD faculty, staff, families, and Paris community were very generous and we would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event possible. A clothing drive is a wonderful and easy way to make a difference and I encourage everyone to get involved in their community."



Making the final NHS clothing drive delivery last Friday are (from the left) Ellen Temple, Chairman Trey Kraft, John Lewis, Luke Lewis, and Will Henderson. Not photographed: Caroline Chappell and Kendall McDonald

All items were delivered to The Salvation Army Thrift Store to be distributed through a clothing voucher system to help families in our community. In addition, 100% of the money raised through the sale of items at the Thrift Store goes back into the social service programs here in Lamar County. Individuals who donate clothing not only help clothe school children, they help feed the hungry and provide transitional housing and assistance to people in need.