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Saint Albert Students Participate in Project Linus

The 8th Grade Leadership Team from Saint Albert Catholic Schools recently participated in Project Linus, an effort to provide homemade blankets to children who are seriously ill or traumatized. The group made and donated 20 fleece blankets to the Omaha chapter of the national organization.

Named for the character in the Peanuts cartoon, the mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, worth and comfort to children in need. Omaha Project Linus began in 2003 and has donated more than 20,000 blankets to hospitals, domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, adoption agencies and other social services organizations in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro area.

According to Tarra Beyer, the faculty sponsor for the Leadership Team, the students selected this project because it allowed them to help other children and young people.

“Every child deserves to feel safe and secure,” Beyer said. “Our students wanted to get involved in this project because they knew it would directly benefit people their own age. Knowing where the blankets were going helped them see how important serving others can be.”

Members of the 8th Grade Leadership Team include: Faye Assmann, Bailey Brandenburg, Laura Bryant, Alivia Crawl, Laurie Cruz, Nate Dunning, Nick Fischer, Garrett Jerkovich, Andrea Kerkhoff, Katie Kuck, Logan Lieber, Nevada Meis, Abby Peters, Haleigh Philmalee, Nick Rallis, Nicole Rollins, Tommy Ryan, Elizabeth Shudak, Scott Theulen and Joni Thomas.

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