



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

☒ High School

☐ Middle Level

ENTRY COVER SHEET

PLEASE INDICATE:

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT. ☒

THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL PROJECT. ☐

School Name submitting the application	School Address:
Chapel Hill High School	13172 Hwy 64 East
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
Tyler, TX 75707	3,000
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School UIL Classification:	
4A	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Shoes for Kids	October 2022-November 2022
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in Project:
100	50
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
1100 high school	200 from elementary campuses, 100 high school
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
125	30
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
8	10

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. THE TASC WEBSITE DOES NOT ACCEPT GOOGLE DOCS.

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload photos, newspaper articles, etc. **Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.**

Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

Updated August 2022

Shoes for Kids

Chapel Hill High School has conducted a community-wide project called "Shoes for Kids" for over the past twenty years. This project's central goal is to provide our younger students in the district in the lower socioeconomic class with a pair of shoes, sometimes more than one, to last them through the year. Our council members start the process of this project by fundraising. During the fundraising time, we have students make donation boxes and carry them around campus and to events happening outside of school hours, we have community and local businesses donate towards this cause, and we also have personal donations made from around the community. It is a district-wide fundraiser and at the high school specifically, a grade-level competition is held to see which class can raise the most money. Also, a reward breakfast later in the year is provided to high school students who raise over twenty dollars. After fundraising ends, our student council chair members and sponsors collaborate with the lower schools to have students sign up to go on this trip and to schedule dates and times to go. This is a three-day trip that includes taking the young students to get shoes at the shoe store, providing them with lunch, and also taking them to either the movies or our local Discovery Science Place to help them enjoy their day a little more. Each elementary campus has their own day to bring 45-50 elementary students. Student council members sign up for days they can attend to be buddied up with elementary students. During the day, each member normally has one to two children they are responsible for throughout the day in helping them choose shoes that are appropriate for their shoe size, helping them when we go to the restaurant with their food, and monitoring them throughout the trip. This project is highly rewarding and widely recognized throughout the community as everyone gets involved and puts their time and effort into it.

February 20, 2023

Texas Association of Student Councils:

For the last 24 years, I have been an educator at Chapel Hill High School. In one of my earliest years, we had a student that needed a community service project to complete requirements for Student Senate and for a college scholarship. Libby Bloodsworth was an exceptional student. She made a plan for the classes to compete in a fundraising effort and those funds would be used to buy needy elementary students a pair of shoes. That is how Shoes4Kids began. In just a few years, it grew into a large fundraising effort that was carried out as part of our homecoming festivities. Each class raised money for a week and it was announced at the homecoming pep rally which class had raised the most money. That class received a pizza party and a movie day. All the monies raised went to buy shoes for the elementary students that had been referred by the counselors. Those elementary students get picked up and assigned to a high school "buddy" that they stay with all day. They get to go shoe shopping, lunch at CiCi's pizza and an afternoon of play at the Discovery Science Center. By the end of the day, a large majority of the elementary school kids cry when they realize their buddy is leaving. They build such a strong bond in such a short amount of time. We have actually been doing this amazing activity for so long now that in the last few years some of the high school buddies remember being the kid that got to get new shoes and go on a field trip with high school kids!

The whole program is absolutely amazing considering that it is all funded by the students' efforts and all the money raised goes to provide a young child with a new pair of shoes and a fun-filled afternoon. The high school students learn what it means to be charitable and empathetic. They get so much more satisfaction than a new pair of shoes. They learn that they can give their time and extra change to make a huge difference in a young child's life. The young children benefit from the shoes but they really enjoy the relationship and trust they build with their "high school buddy" even for just an afternoon. I am so grateful to be able to witness this every year. The adults that chaperone/sponsor look forward to it every year. Our hearts get filled also!!

Respectfully submitted,



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