

**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:
Spring Hill High School	3101 Spring Hill Rd.
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
Longview/Tx/ 75405	Longview is 80,000 and Spring Hill is about 3570
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
Susan Curtis	scurtis@shisd.net
Principal Name:	Principal Signature & Email Address
Merinda Tidwell	Merinda Tidwell mtidwell@shisd.net
School UIL Classification:	
4a	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Bringing a little bit of home to you	Nov - Dec 2022
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in Project:
46	46
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
598	598
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
80	80
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
3 oncology center KC college Crumble cookie	50

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.

Bringing a little home to you

During the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas multiple schools traditionally hold a canned food drive to donate to people in need. However, this year our Student Council decided to take it one step further.

Another organization volunteered to take over the canned food drive, so we decided to embrace the opportunity to raise awareness for cancer. We would collect different types of items that would help people who attend the Longview Oncology Center to get treatment. The items collected included blankets, pins, colored pencils, coloring books, socks, lotion, reading books, playing cards, neck pillows, chap sticks, gloves, and puzzle books. In order to enhance participation, a competition was held. During 3rd period classes, the teachers collected these items from their students in that class. The class with the most items by the end of the competition would win cookies provided by *Crumbl Cookie* and hot chocolate provided by student council members. For this collection we had roughly 600 students, 76 staff members, 46 council members, 5 different organizations, and 3 community groups all involved in this donation. The 3 companies involved was *Crumbl Cookie*, Kilgore College for donating 300 Bags, and the Longview Oncology Medical Center. After over 1,000 items were collected, 42 bags with a couple of each item in the bag were made. Once all the bags were made we had a couple of council members and our advisor meet at the Oncology Center in Longview to deliver bags.

When talking to the workers at the Oncology Center they told us that they were overjoyed about all the bags we were able to donate. Donating these back not only brought joy to the workers and to us as a student council, but it also brought a lot of joy and happy tears to the patients as they came into the center to get their treatment done. They were thankful to have a bag that they could transport from home to the center when they have to go to treatment.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/spring-hill-high-school-student-council-donates-care-bags-to-cancer-patients/article_23bb1e30-7fe1-11ed-8df8-0bca9b8c3940.html

TOP STORY

Spring Hill High School student council donates care bags to cancer patients

By Yoleyne Romero yromero@news-journal.com

Dec 20, 2022



Spring Hill High School student council sponsor Susan Curtis along with student council members Collin Wingo, 17, and Ha Lybarger, 15, deliver bags filled with items such as blankets, games, books and Christmas cards to Texas Oncology on Monday. The bags will be distributed to patients throughout the week.

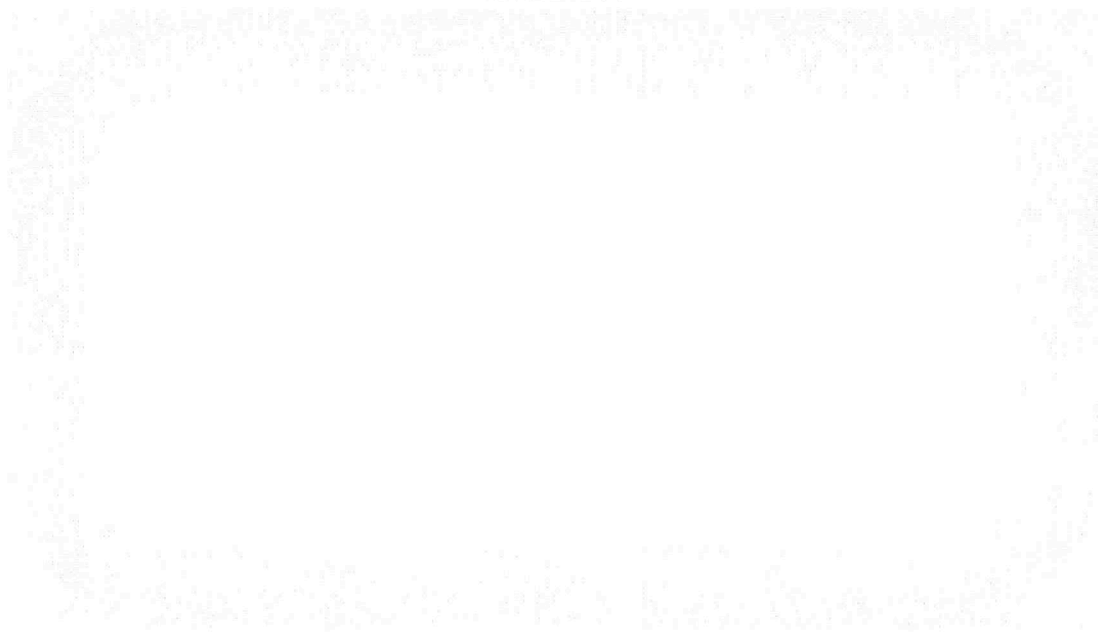
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Members of Spring Hill High School
donate care bags for patients at '

Susan Curtis, English teacher and student council sponsor, Maryah McHam, special education teachers aide, along with student council members Collin Wingo, 17, and Hayley Lybarger, 15, hauled bags of goods collected as part of a school drive into the cancer center as rain poured down.

Forty-two bags were assembled with the items collected, which were gathered over two weeks at the high school, Curtis said. The bags were filled with items such as blankets, neck pillows, activity books, lip balm, socks, lotion, playing cards and handwritten Christmas cards.

ADVERTISING



As a partner of the high school through dual-credit courses, Kilgore College donated a majority of the tote bags that were used to hold the items, Curtis said.

Fifteen to 20 classes participated in the drive that was organized by the student council, she said. While the high school has organized canned food drives in the past, this was the first effort to collect other items.

“When we found out that the state project this year for student council ... is to ‘Kick Cancer,’ we dove right in trying to think of different ways to bring awareness,” Curtis said.

Many of the items collected, such as the word searches and playing cards, are meant to provide a momentary escape while patients receive chemotherapy, which often takes hours.

“We knew (patients) were by themselves when they’re getting their treatment. ... They really can’t have people with them, so we wanted them to be able to have something to do by themselves,” Curtis said.

The class that collected the most goods was rewarded with a holiday party complete with cookies and a hot chocolate bar, she said.

Whether it’s a family member, a friend or a faculty member, Curtis said most people know someone who has cancer or who underwent treatment in the past. The prevalence of the disease made the drive that much more important, she said.

“Hopefully, these bags will show (patients) that even though they might be sitting there at that moment alone, they’re really not alone — that there are people out there and children out there in the community that are thinking about them,” she said.

Hayley has experienced cancer in her family and said her aunt is undergoing treatment and recently had surgery. While her aunt isn’t aware of the project she’s part of, Hayley said she believes she’d be proud of her.

“I think it’s good to bring awareness to it to help people who are fighting,” she said. “I think that’s what the holidays are all about — thinking of other people, making it about other people not just about yourself.”

Longview Cancer Center Supervisor Priscilla Pena said the bags will be passed out to patients throughout the week. Patients often are thankful to receive these kind of gifts because it gives them something to do as they sit and receive treatment, she said.

“A lot of the times there’s blankets and such — they love that for comfort,” Pena said. “It just means a lot to them ... just personally because somebody cares.”

The Christmas cards especially mean a lot, and the written messages often make patients cry, she said.

“They’ll write little messages in there hoping they’ll get better, and just to read that it means so much to them,” Pena said.



12/21/22

Susan Curtis
Maryah McHam
Members of Spring Hill Student Council
Students of Spring Hill

Dear Susan, Maryah, Members of the Student Council and Students,

On behalf of Texas Oncology Physicians and staff, along with many Chemotherapy patients, we Thank You for your donation of bags that contained blankets, socks, activity books, playing cards and so much more, including the handwritten Christmas cards.

Texas Oncology is grateful for the generosity of donors and their support.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donna Case

Donna Case

Teacher evaluation form

Longview oncology center donations

The respondent's email (kmontgomery@shisd.net) was recorded on submission of this form.

Did Spring Hill Student council raise roughly over 1000 items ? *

☒ yes

☐ no

how many Community Companies donated to the cause? *

☐ 1

☒ 2

☐ 3

what were the companies that were involved? *

Texas Oncology and Kilgore College

Was the whole Student and Staff involved in the project ? *

☒ yes

☐ No

how many bags were made for the oncology center

42 ▼

was the Council members involved in putting the bags together and delivering them? *

☒ yes

☐ No

please write your full name for your digital Signature

Kristi Montgomery

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