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**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION**

High School

Middle Level

ENTRY COVER SHEET

PLEASE INDICATE: THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT. XXX THIS IS A JOINT COUNCIL PROJECT.

School Name submitting the application	School Address:
	2775 Bobcat Blvd
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
Trophy Club/TX.76262	approx 12, 500
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
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Principal Name:	Principal Signature:
Ron Myers	
School UIL Classification:	
6A	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Serving Those That Serve : <i>Kindness Month</i>	Feb 1 - Feb 28, 2021
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in Project:
96	55
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
2588	2588
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
215 - Byron Nelson 110 - Medlin Middle School 118 - Elementary Campuses	Approximately 275
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
8 - Town of Trophy Club, PTSA at each campus, one middle school, and 2 elementaries	Approximately 250 with thousands impacted by the project

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This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload your photos, newspaper articles, etc. online as well. Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.



To TASC Top Project Selection Committee,

When the Student Council at Byron Nelson HS creates projects like the “Serving Those Who Serve” project, I am so proud of our students and amazed at their capacity to care for others. The “Serving” project was in conjunction with Kindness Month, and it was truly an opportunity for Byron students to show how to be kind to others—in our school, the community, and those serving overseas in our nation’s military.

The project encompassed many facets, and one of those facets that all students were able to participate in without donating was the making of paracords for our troops. The uses and importance of the paracords for the military were explained, and then students were able to make one, or more, to be sent overseas. This allowed all students to be a part of the “kindness” of giving to others, even if they have no money to be able to donate goods. However, another component of the campaign was a donation drive for SOS (Support Our Soldiers) who accepts donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and many other items and then disperses them to the troops.

The Student Council students also worked with the town of Trophy Club to involve as many community members as possible to be a part of Kindness Month and the “Serving Those Who Serve” campaign. The town was a great partner and even created a virtual fun run for community members to support the campaign. In addition to the Town of Trophy Club, we also partnered with one of our middle schools and two elementary schools for this project.

Our students are so creative, and even in years such as this when things are “weird” and sometimes awkward because of the Covid pandemic, they still managed to come up with an awesome project that involved much of the community and gave back to those who do so much and receive so little. I highly recommend this project at a Top Project this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Myers".

Ron Myers, PhD
Principal of Byron Nelson High School

Description of Involvement

a) Student Council Members:

Student Council members directly played a critical role in the success of the projects for Kindness Month. Our members each took on the role of actively promoting our dress up days, kindness month daily challenges, and the service drive through our own social media, as well as reposting the posts on the official Student Council social media pages. Another virtual outlet that our members created was two advisory lessons featuring videos, with words of advice for kindness and service from our alumni, and additional education to further amplify the significance of this month (Kindness Month) as well as our chosen service project. Each of our members also played a key role in the creation of the physical elements surrounding this month such as, cutting and writing on over 2700 hearts with each student and staff member's name, writing positive messages on over 1000 clothespins, painting almost 150 rocks with positive messages, and writing over 100 cards to our teachers, friends, and school staff thanking them for everything they do. Our members then delivered the cards and clipped the clothes pins on students to encourage the spread of positivity. Our executive board also worked to educate the school about our service drive, and ensured that it was accessible to every individual in our community, whether a community member, quarantine, online or in-person student. We gave individuals the opportunity to donate by having items picked up from their doorstep, contact-free, by our members, an option to order from an Amazon wishlist, physical drop off locations inside our school, and at the Trophy Club Town Hall. Our Student Council room also served as the point of packaging of the items after their collection. Student Council also voted, and purchased 2000 "Pandemic Smiles" cards, 2000 Fun Dip candies for each of our students with stickers addressed from Student Council, and almost \$400 worth of paracord.

b) Other Students:

Our Students were given an advisory lesson at the beginning of the month introducing all of the dress up days, service project, and daily challenges to provide them with all of the information to participate in this great time. Students began bringing in donations throughout the month following the first lesson. During the second advisory lesson, students were provided with paracord and tutorials on how to create them as an additional way to physically engage and involve each of our students regardless of whether they had resources to be able to participate in our other events. Additionally, each student also received a Fun Dip Valentine addressed from Student Council to encourage the spread of love and positivity during these times, and were then provided with a "Pandemic Smiles" card when they were then encouraged to spread that positivity on to a friend, military personnel, teacher, or healthcare worker by writing them a letter thanking them and expressing their gratitude. In total our students outside of the Student Council wrote over 1500 cards.

c) Other School Organizations

Our PTSA greatly helped our Student Council by promoting all of our activities and service drive through their own social media, and on Facebook. Their members also directly helped us to create the Amazon wishlist, where community members could simply order items online, and they were shipped to one of our members house who would then bring those items into school.

d) Faculty

Our teachers were a huge asset to the success of this month. By dressing up for our dress up days, giving the lessons to their advisory classes, and bringing in their own items for our service drive, we were able to extend this time of positivity to our staff members as well.

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e) Community

Our mayor, Alicia Fleury, Zoomed with us prior to the beginning of this month to ensure the town's greater involvement in this time, as well as hear our plans for this time. She then invited members of our Executive Board to speak at our town council meeting to present the plans we had for the month to the community. Our Town Hall then also served as a drop off location for community members to bring donation items. We also were able to promote one piece from the Town of Trophy Club being our annual fun run (this year virtual) which had to be postponed until March due to the winter storms in February.

f) Other Student Councils:

Our local middle school, Medlin Middle School, and their Student Council and Leadworthy classes, also took on the initiative to promote the service drive portion to their students and raise awareness around the significance of our chosen project.

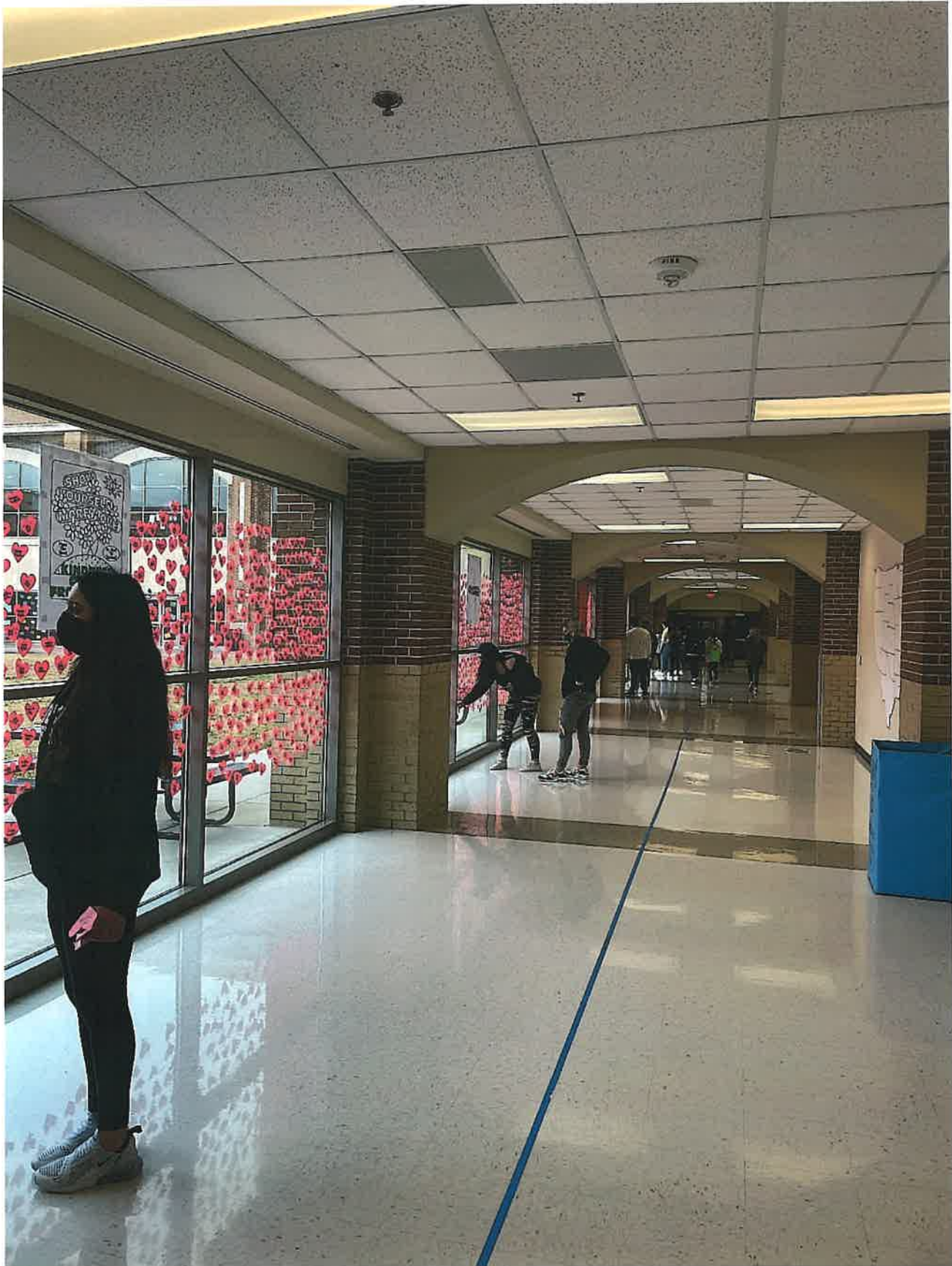
Title: Kindness Month- Serving Those That Serve **Purpose:** The purpose of this project was to unite the town of Trophy Club, students and staff of Byron Nelson HS, and community members around the importance of actively choosing kindness and intentionally expressing gratitude by demonstrating the impact these actions can have on a community while encouraging a sense of patriotism by serving our military personnel.

Description of Activities: Byron Nelson High School and the Town of Trophy Club, annually dedicated that February be “Kindness Month” with this year taking a direct focus on the service and appreciation of others, specifically the military. This year Byron StuCo chose to partner with an organization “Support our Soldiers” to collect items, kindness cards, and paracords to be shipped to currently deployed soldiers in remote locations. In support, Trophy Club partnered with Byron StuCo by giving our executive board an opportunity to propose our plan to the members of our town council and by providing their town hall as one drop off location for members of the community. In addition, the Trophy Club town council agreed to sponsor the Fun Run (this year virtual). Medlin Middle School Student Council, Lakeview Elementary, and Beck Elementary also partnered with Byron to collect items at their campuses. Activities we conducted on our campus were our dress up days and daily kindness challenges. We also provided students with resources and time in class to make paracords, and cards to which they were able to express their gratitude to our military personnel, healthcare workers, friends, teachers and all staff here on campus. Additionally, we created Advisory to give both our online and in-person students an outlet to learn during this time, and keep our student body as a collective informed, educated, engaged and appreciated. We also created “pieces of appreciation” for our students such as handwriting each of their names on hearts, and delivering Valentine treats to them addressed from StuCo, in an effort to achieve a sense of unity and let every student know that they are loved.

Pictures:



(Pictured: paracords, fun dip valentines for students, and quarantine smile cards)



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(pictured: hallway full of students hearts)



(pictured: kindness rocks, additional paracord, and kindness clothes pins)

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(pictured: signage given from the town of Trophy Club for Kindness Month)

