## TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

High School

☐ Middle Level

## **ENTRY COVER SHEET**

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THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT.

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THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL PROJECT.

School Address:		
200 S. White Oak Rd.		
Size of Community(ies):		
6,225		
Advisor E-Mail:		
taylork@woisd.net		
Principal Signature & Email Address		
stagnerds@woisd.net		
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Project Dates:		
January 7-24, 2025		
Number of Members Involved in the Project:		
35		
Number of Other Students Involved in Project:		
500		
Number of Faculty Involved in Project:		
60		
Number of Community Members Involved in Project		
1,000		

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.

Updated July 2024

Top Projects Rating Sheet (for judges only) Councils may want this as a reference.

School Name	1 Not Met	2	3 Met	4	5 Exceeds
<b>Project Meets Objective</b>					
Amount of Involvement: Council					
Amount of Involvement: Student(s)		-			
Amount of Involvement: Other School Organizations					
Amount of Involvement: Teachers					
Amount of Involvement: Community					
Originality					
Overall Results: Students					
Overall Results: Faculty/ Community					
Project relative to school/community size					
Submitted proposal for presentation at conference					
Evaluation Score Subtotals					

Total Evaluation Score	

## For Collaborative Project, list contact information for all councils involved.

School Name	School Mailing Address (include zip code)	Advisor Name	Advisor Email Address

PROJECT TITLE: Share the Love - White Oak High School

**PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:** Our mission is to give joy, hope, love, encouragement and brighten the children's days that are battling cancer for Valentine's.

**DESCRIPTION:** Share the Love project is very near and dear to our council's heart. One of our members Nory was diagnosed with Leukemia at age two. Nory created this project back in 2017 during her treatments. She wanted to share the love with other kids that were in the hospital battling cancer. We as a council have always donated to her project. Her mom was diagnosed last year with breast cancer and they could not continue. They reached out to Mrs. Taylor and asked if our council could take this project on. This project has many parts to it. We asked each campus in our district and our community to donate items for our Valentine bags. Each campus was given an age group to buy for. We received over 2,000 new items to fill the bags. We received games, stuffed animals, crafts, toys, trinkets, donations to purchase items still needed, etc from each campus. Also, students have made hand made cards for each bag and each bag also received a brand new box of valentines for them to fill out and give to their own family and friends on Valentines. We also attached a QR code to each bag for them to scan with a voice message. We purchased red canvas bags and red drawstring bags to put the items in. Our goal was to fill 15 bags per age group and we surpassed that number with 35-40 bags per age group. The bags were delivered to Children's Hospital of Dallas in Plano, Texas. Several of our members including Nory and Mrs. Taylor filled a school vehicle with all of Valentine's bags and drove two and half hours to drop off the bags to the hospital. They have them for February to hand out to the children.

## Share the love this Valentine's

Dongte to wolls STuco's valentine's gift drive. All donations will go to inpatient cancer kids at children's Hospital of Dallas. Plano Campus, to show them some extra love this valentine's.

Elementary School- Babies-4 year olds Middle School- 5-9 year olds High School- 10-18 year olds

Items can be turned into your campus office or the high school office









Dear Texas Association of Student Councils:

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:1-4

In Paul's letter to the Phillipians, we find a message to overcome selfish ambition and reflect a life lived for Christ. To actually live out this life in a society that thrives on self-absorption, greed and selfishness is no easy task. To lead as an example, plus instill this servant heart's attitude in teenagers, is a task that our student council adviser, Kim Taylor, makes look easy.

Freshman Nory Hearron was diagnosed with leukemia at age two and was successfully matched with her older brother for a bone marrow transplant. She was one of two recipients of funds raised as part of the 2016 Top Ten project campaign, Roughneck Army Supporting Families Project. Since then, Nory's cancer has been in remission, and she lives a busy teenager's life competing in volleyball, basketball, UIL events, journalism and student council. Part of Nory's normal life also consists of an annual Valentine-themed donation drive for children receiving inpatient cancer treatment at Children's Hospital of Dallas in Plano, Texas.

Nory shared with Mrs. Taylor that her family was no longer able to continue this tradition, a tradition that started in 2017. In late 2023, Nory's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. The donation drive was suspended the following year and in danger

of suspension again this year. While the student council has assisted with the drive in the past, the organization has not led the effort exclusively. Taylor quickly agreed to pick up where the Hearron family left off to ensure those kids receive a little love and encouragement as they fight for their lives.

The newly-named "Share the Love" project is made up of several parts and spearheaded by the high school student council. Officers and members secured support from all four campuses in the district. Each campus had a designated age range with the primary and elementary campuses taking care of the needs of babies to age four, the middle school campus with the five to nine year old range and the high school campus responsible for ten to eighteen year olds.

Each campus collected only new items such as stuffed animals, notebooks, coloring books, crayons, games, crafts, chapstick, pen, pencils, markers and blank valentine cards. Many items are used in a valentine exchange between the patients. Other items are simply just to brighten their day.

Students of all ages were also encouraged to design, color and decorate hand-made cards for the patients. Leaders from local churches also donated financially so that more items can be purchased for the kids.

After collecting all the donated items, Taylor and student council members had a work night, dedicated to distributing the items evenly and by appropriate age. Taylor, Nory and other volunteers delivered the items to the children's hospital in hopes of bringing a smile to their face.

The selfless spirit of Kim Taylor and the organization she leads is not only evident in the community in which they serve, but now also reaches beyond the White Oak city limit signs. This service project is one that Taylor intends to continue annually with hopes of spreading the servant heart attitude from here to Plano.

Sincerely,

Karen West

White Oak High School Journalism Adviser

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