

Rome Middle School's Helping Hands Picks Up First Delivery for Families in Need



It's the season of giving, and several of Rome Middle School's teachers and students are contributing by implementing the Helping Hands Ending Hunger Program.

The Helping Hands Ending Hunger Program is a community-based feeding program where schools work to identify students and families who are in need and contribute their excess food from lunchrooms (that would normally be thrown away) as well as receive donations from around the community.

East Central Elementary started Helping Hands a couple of months ago and have helped many in their community with the program, which is what sparked Stephanie Guyant, an RMS teacher, to start the Helping Hands Program at Rome Middle.

Rome Middle School teachers Jacob Addison, Jennifer Short and Taylor Woodrow traveled to Rome Action Ministries to pick up donations from around the community, especially before the holiday break.

After picking up the food items, teachers then take the donations from Rome Action Ministries to Rome Middle School and store it in refrigerators until it is ready to be distributed to students.

"We have a room set aside with refrigerators and storage to store everything for the week," explained Short. "Every Friday, we put together bags with the materials students need, and send them home that evening. We want them to have food over the weekend their families.

"We have identified students that we feel could use food at home over the weekends that maybe are not getting enough. It is just a great way to make sure everyone is getting what they need," added Short.

The Helping Hands Ending Hunger will send bags home with chosen students each week, contributing to the season of giving. Now that is taking care of the Pack!

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