

## Students collect a truckload for food pantry

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### **Volunteers deliver food boxes to local families.**

Brady Public School students collected enough items for the food pantry to fill the back of a pickup last week.

Their generosity will not only provide complete Thanks-giving meals for 12 Brady families but it will also stock the shelves of the pantry for the winter and beyond.

More than 2,000 items were collected over a two-week period in the drive sponsored by the Student Council.

Dawn Jobman's fifth-graders brought in 335 items to win the contest between grades and earn a limousine ride from Brady to Gothenburg for ice cream.

Jason Bryant, owner of Pristine Limousine of North Platte, provided the car.

The first-grade class was second in the contest with 304 items and fourth grade collected 241 items.

In all, elementary students brought nearly 1,600 of the 2,000 non-perishable food, toiletry and paper products collected.

"It was neat for the students to see the huge amount of food they collected all in one pickup,"

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said STUCO sponsor Jeanene Lusk. "It showed them what a difference working together to achieve makes."

The Brady food pantry operates year-round entirely on donations.



It is available to any Brady area resident who needs extra help and it is a free, confidential service.

For Thanksgiving, volunteers delivered food boxes this week that carried a turkey, potatoes and all of the fixings for a traditional holiday meal.

Many family boxes also included cereal, a variety of canned goods and some paper products and soaps.

For information about the food pantry, contact coordinator Marilyn Bratten at 584-3257 or Pam Diehl at the village office, 584-3316.