

GHS Interact Club participates in Aeropostale jeans program

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More than 100 pairs collected to donate.

Gothenburg High School Interact Club president Carlin Daharsh said she likes community service projects that show where participant time, effort and help is going.

“You know that what you are doing is going to be used and used wisely,” Daharsh said.

She said projects like food drives or clean ups can become tedious and the Interact Club was motivated to do something more this year, specifically the sophomore class.

With a drive to make a difference, sophomore Interact Club members decided to join a national project called, “Teens For Jeans.”

Teens For Jeans is put on by the clothing company Aeropostale. Pairs of pants donated throughout the United States, including in Gothenburg, will be given to homeless teenagers across North America.

Sophomore class representative Gage Taylor said the project didn’t take much time to get up and running once it started in December.

“It was around Christmas time and old jeans were being replaced,” Taylor said. “That was a good way to get them.”

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Daharsh added that there has been a large amount of involvement from students, staff and community members for the project to possibly extend into local businesses in the future.

“We have a good supply of jeans that have been given to us in all sizes,” Daharsh said. “If the club chooses to do this again, I assume a lot of people would want to be involved.”

Although Teens For Jeans does something positive for the local community and those around the nation, Taylor and Daharsh said there were speed bumps in the process.

“We didn’t think it would take off this quickly and be this successful,” Taylor said. “It was a big surprise.”

Daharsh added that once the project ends Jan. 20 at the high school and ends nationally in February, transporting the jeans will be an issue.

The closest drop off point is Lincoln so storing the jeans has been a challenge until that can occur, she said

“I have some in the trunk of my car and pairs are being stored in classrooms in GHS,” Daharsh said.

However, space storage hiccups faced don’t outweigh the positives the project has seen, Taylor said.

“It definitely means something to help others,” he said. “The club is proud to be doing this.”

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