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Subject: Branson Cedar Ridge Primary Students Organize and Hold Food Drive

Lawyer, teacher, farmer, police officer, realtor—these roles are in the future for six students of Cedar Ridge Primary, but for right now they are second graders making a difference in their community. It all began when of them, Oskar Arjes, learned there were people in his hometown without food.

“I got inspired to do something, so I asked if I could,” Oskar explained. The person he asked was Dr. Michelle Collins, Branson Cedar Ridge Elementary principal. She saw this as way to bring together earnest care, learning and doing good.

"It is easy to have a vision and desire to help others, but the true GRIT comes from the action behind words. I have been inspired by the genuine, care and commitment modeled by this group of leaders. This event will be a highlight of the 2017-2018 school year at Cedar Ridge Elementary School," said Dr. Collins.

She encouraged Oskar to come up with a plan, and he did. He mustered five classmates (Ashiani Allen, Lyric Stevens, Claire Cofer, Keagan Frieze and Braxton Linderer) to help him plan and execute a food drive. Dr. Collins met with the students throughout the process to encourage, guide and assist when needed. They came up with idea to hold a food drive with each class competing to bring in the most non-perishable food. The team made posters, flyers and even delivered a speech at the school assembly to rally the rest of the school.

The result? Christian Action Ministries, which ministers to more than 3,800 people each month, received 585 cans of non-perishable food to pass on to struggling families. For Oskar and his team, the feeling cannot be quantified only described as “amazing” and “incredible.”

“I’m impressed with the sincerity these students have to make a difference,” said Elizabeth Hughes, Christian Action Ministries executive director. “They are an example to follow, and we are grateful that Branson Schools see and take opportunities to encourage good works.”

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