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## THE Club Sponsors Shopping For Residents

Campus High School's Teens Helping Elders (THE Club) may be a new organization, but the students have wasted no time getting involved in the community.

"THE Club members started visiting the Haysville Healthcare Center (HHC) at the end of September by sending at least five students a day from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and logging 230 volunteer hours," said CHS teacher and sponsor Katie Smithhisler. "The purpose of this club is to empower passionate teen role models to provide a companionship to the elderly residents in local nursing homes."

THE club has about 60 members with students organizing daily activities such as Ice Cream Socials, BINGO, Manicures, Board Games, and Group Circle. Another club goal is to help the residents become more involved with the Haysville community. THE Club decorated a float and gave several HHC residents a ride in the Fall Festival parade and the Campus Homecoming parade. THE Club students have also established a pen-pal system between the residents and several elementary students and have encouraged the students to bring their families to meet their pen-pal.

This week, THE Club members participated in a "shopping center" for the HHC residents. Members helped the residents select gifts (for free) for their loved ones of all ages, wrapped and delivered them. The Shopping Center event was suggested by the HHC activities director, planned by THE Club members, and supported by Farmers Insurance with their contributions. Local Farmer's Insurance agents so generously donated \$1,200 to THE Club!

**(Photo 1)** THE Club member Katie Simons (left) assisted Alice Walsh in finding a special gift. **(Photo 2)** Farmers Insurance agents (from left) Dean Ladd (Haysville), Kristin Ward (Derby), and Ron Wells (Derby) wrapped lots of packages. **(Photo 3)** THE Club member Matt Brand (left) helped a resident shopper decide between screw drivers or pliers for a gift for a family member. **(USD 261 Photos)**

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Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3