

## **News Release**

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### **Arlington's DECA club has been making holidays special for families in need for nearly a quarter century**

ARLINGTON- The Arlington High School (AHS) DECA program provided food and other donations to families in need this week. This is the 24th year that DECA students have gathered donations for families. The students accepted donations at the Arlington Safeway and Wal-Mart from Nov. 16-Dec. 16. Community members donated 19,200 food and grocery items and \$7,300 in cash.

Nearly 40 families were supported this year with the donations. One-third of the donations go to the families and the other two-thirds go to the Arlington Food Bank.

"It's great to meet the families and know they will benefit from these donations," said DECA Chapter President, Chance Pearston. "It really impacts the families in a positive way."

"Every year I'm amazed by the generosity of the Arlington community," said AHS DECA advisor, Tyler Payne. "Students get to see first-hand how the donations help the families in our community."

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Arlington High School DECA students load a family's car with donations. This is the 24th year DECA students have collected donations from the community for families in need.