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AHS' DECA club collecting food for families in need *Students see first-hand how families benefit from donations*

ARLINGTON- If you've shopped at the Arlington Safeway or Wal-Mart over the past week, you've probably seen Arlington High School (AHS) DECA students collecting food at the doors. As shoppers enter the store, they are greeted by the DECA students who pass out grocery shopping lists of needed non-perishable food/grocery items.

For 22 years, the school's marketing and business students have collected food for families in need.

"We depend on the community for support and everyone has been very generous," said AHS DECA advisor, Tyler Payne. "Our goal is to end hunger in our community."

The DECA club works with the Arlington Community Food Bank and adopts 25 families. If there's any food or donations left over, DECA works with school counselors to identify additional families who need help.

"It makes you feel good when you see how happy the families are to receive these donations," said senior Angel Cisnado, who's been part of DECA the past three years. "I'm really proud to be part of DECA. It's so much more than just a club."

The food drive runs through Monday, Dec. 12. If you'd like to donate food or money, contact Payne at 360-618-6300.

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Arlington High School senior Angel Cisnado shows some of the donations that have been collected for the DECA food drive which runs through Dec. 12.