

## News Release

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#### **Arlington's DECA club helps make holiday special for families**

ARLINGTON- The Arlington High School (AHS) DECA program delivered food and other donations to families in need this week. This is the 23rd year that DECA students have gathered donations for families. The students gathered donations at the Arlington Safeway and Wal-Mart from Nov. 17-Dec. 10. Community members donated 20,000 food items and \$7,200 in cash.

"I can't thank the community enough for their generosity," said AHS DECA advisor, Tyler Payne. "Not only are you helping these families, but you're teaching our students how important it is to give to those in need."

Twenty-nine 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 makes you feel good that families aren't going to go hungry during the holidays," said sophomore Armando Garza. "I feel good to be doing my part. This has been a very eye opening and great experience!"

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Cutline: Arlington High School DECA students sort food for families in need. This is the 23rd year the DECA students have collected the donations.