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Students help feed the poor

BOCA RATON, FL, May 7, 2008– BOCA HELPING HANDS recently honored the top five students who conducted a food drive in their neighborhoods to help feed the poor, the needy and the homeless. When Boca Helping Hands faced a major shortage of food items for the bags of groceries provided to needy families each month, they challenged local students to help fill the void. “The response was amazing!” said Doc Schwartz, Volunteer Coordinator.

More than 7,500 cans of food were collected by students who came to Boca Helping Hands seeking to volunteer their time and efforts. The top five students accounted for 2,500 cans which were collected during the two month program. The most productive students were: Brandon Kinzer, Neal Patel, Kyle Crooke, Kiva Ebert and Jason Dobkin. Each received an Exceptional Performance Gold Certificate Award and a Boca Helping Hands T- shirt in appreciation for all their hard work. The certificates were presented at the Boca Helping Hands Food Center where volunteers and clients were in attendance to give their personal appreciation to the students.

“It is so rewarding to see these students take up a challenge and exceed all expectations. What they have done is quite an accomplishment and they should be very proud,” said Linda Gove, Executive Director for Boca Helping Hands. The much needed food helps keep the warehouse shelves full during these tough times so that Boca Helping Hands can continue to provide grocery bags to families in need during the slower summer months.

A new summer food collection program is just getting under way for students of all ages. Please contact Doc Schwartz at Boca Helping Hands for more information on how to participate 561-417-0913.

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PHOTO (L-R): Linda Gove, Executive Director, Kiva Ebert, Brandon Kinzer, Jason Dobkin, Kyle Crooke, Neal Patel, and Doc Schwartz, Volunteer Coordinator.

