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Pattonville students raise money for military families

Members of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Pattonville High School recently raised more than \$650 to assist the families of servicemen and women who are serving in active duty abroad. The project was part of a state program called "Hidden Heroes."

The "Hidden Heroes" project is sponsored by the Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Missouri Veterans Foundation is to assist the families and dependents of Missouri National Guard members and reservists who have been called to active duty abroad. Many of these families have seen their household income drop dramatically due to the deployment. The program supplies food items, household products, diapers, infant clothing, and other items to assist these families.

"We at Pattonville are both proud and humbled to be able to make a difference in the lives of the families of our servicemen," said Kathy Shearrer, a Pattonville High School teacher and faculty sponsor for the NHS. "We are grateful for their service and sacrifice for our country."

On Veteran's Day, officers of the Pattonville NHS chapter presented a check for the funds they raised to Ed Dean, assistant director of the Missouri Veterans Foundation, associated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The students collected the money by giving a speech during morning announcements at the school and then visiting classes seeking donations from students and staff.

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***Note:** Pattonville High School is located in Maryland Heights. Students attend the school from Bridgeton, St. Ann, Maryland Heights and unincorporated west St. Louis County near Creve Coeur.*