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## **Pattonville students lend hand to military families**

Pattonville students in a number of schools recently banded together to support the families of troops who have been deployed overseas through a 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.

Students and staff members at Drummond Elementary, Parkwood Elementary, Remington Traditional School, Rose Acres Elementary, Willow Brook Elementary and Pattonville High School held donation drives for food and household items, as well as monetary donations. Together, they collected hundreds of items, as well as \$1,300 in cash, to donate to the cause.

“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 National Honor Society, which sponsored a drive. “We are grateful for their service and sacrifice for our country.”

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***Note:** The Pattonville School District enrolls students Bridgeton, St. Ann, Maryland Heights and unincorporated west St. Louis County near Creve Coeur.*