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**Japhet School Students Collecting Pajamas and Food for
Annual Family Service Night -- Thursday, December 12**

Clawson, Michigan - During a special night for the school's community, Japhet School families, teachers, and friends will be engaged in an evening of service to others and the school is collecting donations now in preparation.

Family Service Night is a longstanding tradition at this award-winning school in Clawson, where academics and character are equals in the classroom. Service to others is an integral part of the school's mission, which is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. This year's Family Service Night will take place on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 PM.

The school's 7th- and 8th-graders, with leadership from Life Skills teacher Robin Pospisil, also will cook and serve a spaghetti supper to attendees. Right after dinner, classrooms will open with service projects.

Japhet School staff and the school's Kids for Peace chapter organized three service activities:

- The school is collecting new pajamas in all children's and adult sizes, which will be donated to Macomb Feeding the Need. During Family Service Night, the PJs will be removed from hangers, neatly rolled, and given a tag that shares the size of the pajama set. The pajama drive was initiated by the school's class of 5th- and 6th-graders.
- Japhet School also is collecting reusable grocery store bags, canned yams/sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned green beans, canned cranberries, boxed chicken and vegetable stock, and boxed dessert mixes. Family Service Night attendees will organize the donated food into bagged meals.
- Japhet's animal-loving Kids for Peace chapter, which has students in kindergarten through 6th grade, donated supplies to make cat toys during Family Service Night with a plan to donate them to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter.

Japhet School just completed a Halloween service project for Treats for Troops, and shipped 43 pounds of leftover Halloween candy to Soldiers' Angels, which will give them to soldiers in active duty and veterans.

Japhet School was founded 46 years ago and operates under 10 principles based on learning and ethical decision-making. The 6th principle, "With the gift of knowledge and the understanding of moral and spiritual values comes an obligation to help mankind," is the foundation for Family Service Night.

Family Service Night and Spaghetti Supper are open to the community; the school requests an RSVP ahead of time so it knows to welcome new friends. Just call 248-585-9150.

Japhet School welcomes media photographers during the event.

About Japhet School:

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children in the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes of fewer than 20 students in each, which enables teachers to challenge students with academic material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School's national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school. The school's public speaking curriculum gives graduates confidence in leadership roles. Japhet is a National School of Character: it was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award. To learn more about Japhet, visit japhetschool.org.

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