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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Area High School Students Coordinate Hurricane Relief Efforts**

HOWELL, MICHIGAN --- The students of Kensington Woods High School in Howell are actively coordinating hurricane relief efforts to raise funds for refugees. Several activities are planned for Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> that involve area businesses and encourage community participation.

“We are pleased that the students are so enthusiastic about helping,” explained Kensington Woods principal Jim Perry. The students have rallied together with science teacher John Maxwell in gaining support of area businesses to host simultaneous Tuesday events.

Tuesday will begin with a bottle drive. Each student is placing 10 flyers throughout respective neighborhoods requesting returnable bottle/can donations. Neighbors are asked to leave their returnables at their curb by 7am on Tuesday. Students will pick up bottles and cans on their way to school. For those who do not receive a flyer, returnables can be dropped off at the school, on the campus of Cleary University.

After the bottle/can drive, two car washes will be held from 10am – 3pm at Bennigan’s on Grand River Avenue and at Art Van on the corner of Grand River Avenue and Latson. Baked goods from students, parents and faculty of Kensington Woods will be sold at both locations. Bob Evans donated funds for car soap, and other donations are anticipated.

In conjunction with the student-run events, Apple Bee’s restaurant on Grand River will donate a portion of all Tuesday food sales to the Kensington Woods students’ effort.

All proceeds from each effort will be donated to the American Red Cross on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> explained John Maxwell. “There is a definite feeling of excitement

throughout the school,” he expressed. “Students are coming together to make a difference—they seem empowered.”

In addition to the Tuesday events, Maxwell plans to work on yearlong fundraising and educational effort with students. “As a science teacher, it is helpful to use real-world applications to educate students,” he explained. “This is a horrific event, but it will help students to understand more clearly topics like environmental toxins, contagious disease, ecosystem effects, and more,” he said. “Teaching more about our world and helping those in need is beneficial to everyone.”

For more information about Kensington Woods’ hurricane relief efforts, contact principal Jim Perry at 517-545-0828. Kensington Woods is located on the campus of Cleary University, 3700 Cleary Drive, Howell, Michigan, and on the web at [www.kensingtonwoodshs.com](http://www.kensingtonwoodshs.com).

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