

P.S. 3 students help the needy this holiday season



On Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5th and 6th grade students from Public School No. 3 volunteered their time at the Franciscan Development Center in Fairview arranging 75 bags of food for the homeless. About 13 students joined Sister Anna Maria and Sister Gloria to pack the goods.

Teacher Lizzett Cuervo said the volunteer field trip served as an excellent learning opportunity for all. The students learned about expiration dates, the food groups, organization, sorting, averages, and most of all giving back. The students also felt very special because they learned how much their efforts meant to other people.

The Franciscan Community Development Center is a non-profit organization, which houses a food pantry for the homeless, and provides several services including legal services, healthcare, dental care, eye care, clothing, and much more. The center's launch was spearheaded by volunteers.

The school community of P.S. No. 3 collected close to 750 cans of food to donate to the center, which Ms. Cuervo will be dropping off the following week along with baked goods donated by A&P in West New York. [Click here](#) for photos.