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**CRYSTAL LAKE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHES FOLLOW-UP TO
2006 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROJECT AWARD**

School's National Honor Society Chapter Looks to Outpace Impressive 2005 Effort

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill., December 4, 2006 – Just weeks after being honored as one of ten schools to take home the prestigious 2006 National Outstanding Service Project Award from the National Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society (NHS & NJHS), students at Crystal Lake South High School (CLS) will begin raising funds to benefit Heifer International on December 1. The school's "Operation Heifer" project aims to repeat its results from last year, when it was able to raise \$7,000 in just two weeks.

Today marks the first day in which more than twenty-five of the school's National Honor Society members will begin leading the fundraising effort in English classes. The money will be used to purchase livestock for impoverished families and villages throughout the world. Last year the group's funds were used to purchase several water buffalo, llamas, and a Gift Ark of animals. In total, the ark included two each of cows, sheep, beehives, camels, oxen, water buffalo, pigs, goats, donkeys, and llamas, and six each of ducks, rabbits, and guinea pigs, along with two flocks of geese and chicks.

"What's amazing about the money we raised last year is that it all came from students, teachers, and their friends and family," said NHS co-sponsor Lori Ratliff, an English teacher at CLS. "We'd love to see the community or even local businesses get involved with matching contributions to the program this year."

In addition to the hope that non-school benefactors might emerge, this year's fundraising period will also be longer than last year's, with students able to contribute money between December 4 and 20.

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This will be the fourth year that funds have been raised at the school to benefit Heifer International, and the second year that the school's National Honor Society chapter is sponsoring the project. The school has raised nearly \$9,000 in the first three years of the program, and provided students with a concrete example of how they can contribute to the world.

On November 4, the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society recognized the school's 2005 effort with the NHS & NJHS Outstanding Service Project Award. The award was presented at the NHS & NJHS National Conference in Orlando, Fla. The organization presented 10 awards to schools across the nation. Four Illinois high schools including Crystal Lake South High School, Marian Central Catholic High School (Woodstock), Adlai E. Stevenson High School (Lincolnshire), and Massac County High School (Metropolis) were honored along with schools from California, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, and Texas.

For more information on the NHS & NJHS Outstanding Service Project Award visit: www.nhs.us. Or visit www.heifer.org for additional Heifer International resources.

About Crystal Lake South High School & Community High School District 155:

Crystal Lake South High School is a comprehensive high school serving nearly 2,000 students. Opened in 1978, students choose from more than 200 academic and vocational courses, and have the option to participate in 60 school-sponsored activities and athletic teams. The school was expanded in 2002 and again in 2006 to accommodate increasing enrollment. Each school year, the 135 juniors and seniors in NHS complete at least 10 large team service projects and numerous smaller individual endeavors.

Community High School District 155 is comprised of four high schools including Cary-Grove, Crystal Lake Central, Crystal Lake South, and Prairie Ridge, and two alternate education centers. The district serves more than 7,000 students from several cities including Cary, Crystal Lake, Fox River Grove, and Prairie Grove. Located approximately 45 miles northwest of Chicago, the community is generally residential with some light industry and many commuters. Each year more than 80% of District 155 graduates continue their education beyond high school.

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