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**MIDLAND SCHOOL STUDENTS HOLD FOOD/CLOTHING/TOY DRIVE
AND DONATE TO PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE'S FULFILL-A-WISH
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



Midland students Savannah Bryant '12, Shayla Gordon '12, Micah Kalem '12 and Kira Hooper '14 deliver toys and food to Dave Navarro of People Helping People

Los Olivos, CA—Several Midland students in the student-initiated Common Ground Service Club held a Food/Clothing/Toy Drive during Thanksgiving at Midland, and delivered the donations to People Helping People on Thursday,

December 2, 2010. Leading up to Thanksgiving, the students promoted the Drive, and once the donations were collected, students sorted through the clothing, toys and food. The clothes were delivered to People Helping People's Thrift Store, and the toys and food were delivered to the Fulfill-A-Wish Christmas Program.

This year, several students formed the Common Ground Service Club which was introduced to the entire school in October. The goals include helping others by bringing awareness and educating the Midland community about the needs of others around the world, as well as participating in local community projects. This will include attending lectures (the group went to see Edna Adan, the former first lady of Somaliland at UCSB, and plans to attend future lectures), by gathering monetary donations and unwanted clothing to send to poorer countries, writing letters, making gifts, helping with Project Healthy Neighbors in November, organizing activities for MLK Jr. Day, and standing in front of the Midland community presenting consciousness-raising activities like "A Vow Of Silence" which was done at Midland's Sixth Annual Round-Up Weekend for current families in October.

About Midland School

Founded in 1932, Midland School is a coeducational, college preparatory boarding school for grades 9-12. It is located in the Santa Ynez Valley on a 2,860-acre working ranch. The school combines rigorous academics with intensive immersion in the environment, and maintains a commitment to authentic student leadership, simplicity, self-reliance and environmental stewardship. Midland enrolls 88 students and employs 20 teachers, all of whom live on campus. **For more information about Midland School, please visit www.midland-school.org.**

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