

## **CCDS hosts luncheon for homeless**

12/31/2009

[news@thecharlotteweekly.com](mailto:news@thecharlotteweekly.com)

Since 1991, Charlotte Country Day School Interact Club, an international service club sponsored by the Rotary Club North, has welcomed homeless guests from the Men's Uptown Shelter and Salvation Army Shelter of Hope for women and children, into CCDS' cafeteria for a warm meal over holiday break. On Monday, Dec. 21, approximately 60 ninth- through 12th-graders returned to campus during the holiday break to meet and greet approximately 160 guests. Many students brought homemade goods to serve, while others dished out lunches, waited on tables, entertained children, socialized, washed dishes and even cleaned up afterward.

"Everyone is so nice and friendly," said CCDS sophomore Kelly Bach, who served lunch and participated in this event last year. "They're so appreciative and grateful of us, especially when they find out we're not in school!"

The CCDS cafeteria staff donated their personal time to cook and prepare the meal. All the food – including turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, roasted vegetables, spaghetti casserole, salad, biscuits, fruit and dessert – was donated by CCDS' dining provider, Aladdin Food Services.

In addition to the homeless luncheon, the Interact Club routinely assists with other service projects including a toiletries drive for homeless shelters; the Peanut Butter and Tuna Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank, Christmas Shoe Boxes for Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Catholic Church in Charlotte, the Multiple Sclerosis and Juvenile Diabetes Walks, and also assistance with Special Olympics athlete-training sessions on Saturdays five weeks prior to the annual spring event.

South Charlotte Weekly