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Canyon Rim Elementary Collects Backpacks for Mary's Kitchen

ORANGE, Calif., June 29, 2010—Students at Canyon Rim Elementary collected used backpacks on the last day of school for Mary's Kitchen. Mary's Kitchen provides meals and needed supplies to the homeless of Orange County. Over 61 backpacks were collected that day. After school they were taken to Mary's Kitchen where they will be distributed.

During the holiday season last December, Canyon Rim students and families conducted a food drive and collected more than seventy bags of non perishable foods for the organization.

Canyon Rim then asked what else they could do to provide additional support. Mary's Kitchen responded by saying that they desperately needed backpacks for the children and adults to keep their belongings in. Permission slips were then sent out asking students to donate their used backpacks on the last day of school.

David Appling, Canyon Rim Elementary School principal said, "You could just see the pride in the children when they were dropping off their backpacks in the office knowing that they were making a difference in someone else's lives."

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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