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Windemere Park Charter Academy helps with charity drive

Evening update

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Local school children are helping collect items to give needy moms a happier Mother's Day.

Students at Windemere Park Charter Academy in Lansing Township helped kickoff the second annual Movers for Moms program today. The charity drive is organized by Lansing-based Two Men and a Truck International Inc.

The kids are helping Two Men and a Truck collect personal items for women, such as robes, slippers, toiletries, pillows, blankets, gently used clothing, baby supplies, household items and nonperishable foods.

After the drive ends May 7, Two Men and a Truck employees will deliver the items to the City Rescue Mission of Lansing for Mother's Day.

"A lot of those mothers, they probably don't get anything for Mother's Day. They're just barely getting by," said Wayne Lake, general manager of Lansing's Two Men and a Truck franchise.

Two Men and a Truck is doing the Movers for Moms drive at 19 other charter schools across the state that, like Windemere Park, are run by National Heritage Academies. The schools are collecting items for charities in their areas.

"Many of the women and families served by the shelter have escaped domestic violence situations and left with literally only the clothes on their backs," said Kristen Heffern, National Heritage Academies spokeswoman. "Hopefully a donation on Mother's Day will brighten their spirits."

Two Men and a Truck asked the charter schools to participate in Movers for Moms in hopes of training young people to care about their communities, Lake said.

"They're the future, so we've got to start them off when they're young," he said.

Additional Facts

How you can help

Community members who want to donate items for Movers for Moms may drop off personal items, clothing and nonperishable foods at:

- Two Men and a Truck, 5910 Enterprise Drive in Lansing
 - Windemere Park Charter Academy, 3100 W. Saginaw Highway in Lansing Township
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