

THE ROCHESTER CITIZEN

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Rochester Students Raise More than \$21,000 For Pontiac Homeless Shelter

On Mon., Feb. 13, students and staff from Rochester Adams High School held a pep rally to announce they raised \$21,400 for Grace Centers of Hope, one of the largest homeless shelters in southeast Michigan. The announcement was made at the culmination of "Charity Week," an organized effort by the Adams High School Student Council that was held Feb. 6 – 11 to support a local charity in need. This year, Grace Centers of Hope was selected as the benefiting charity from a number of nonprofit organizations.

"It was a wonderful surprise when we learned the dollar amount raised by the students and staff of Adams High School," said Pastor Kent W. Clark, CEO of Grace Centers of Hope. "The donation will be used to support the core programs at Grace Centers of Hope such as Emergency Services, One Year Life Skills Program and After-Care. These programs are critical in helping homeless individuals and families emerge from homelessness as productive and responsible members of the community."

Students and staff held a number of fundraising activities throughout the week that included a varsity volleyball and basketball game and a Teacher Charity Rumble, which had staff competing head-to-head in order to raise the most money by offering to complete various "wacky" stunts. Charity Week ended with a Winter Pep Assembly on Friday and a formal Winter Dance on Saturday night. In addition to the fundraising events, students also volunteered their time at Grace Centers of Hope throughout the week.

"We are so thankful to everyone for selecting Grace Centers of Hope and helping make this year's 'Charity Week' such a tremendous success," said Clark.

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