

November 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce the CDS student council's participation in the End Veteran Homelessness Challenge—a partnership program established by the American Student Council Association (ASCA) and the <u>Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Homeless Programs Office</u> to help prevent and end Veteran homelessness community by community. Participating in this challenge means we are competing against other student councils and schools around the country to donate the most funds, household goods and/or living essentials to the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital for use in helping Veterans exit homelessness. We want to make the biggest impact for Veterans in need, but we can't do that without support from our CDS family.

From November 4 to November 15, please consider participating by assisting your student in collecting and donating household goods for our community's homeless Veterans.

Please send in the following items by grade level.

1<sup>st</sup>- Laundry Detergent pods

2<sup>nd</sup>- Toilet Paper

3<sup>rd</sup>- Adult Ponchos

4<sup>th</sup>- Adult Backpacks

5<sup>th</sup>- Adult Backpacks

It is our hope that this partnership will help meet at-risk and homeless Veterans' needs for everyday household essentials. We greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Also, if you have questions about this effort, please contact Mrs. Vicencio or Mrs. Theriault.

Many thanks,

CDS Student Council

\*ASCA is a program of the National Association of Elementary School Principals