Students help Goodfellows make the holidays brighter

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At a warchouse on Commerce
Drive in Farmington Hills Thursday, 12 students from Kenbrook
Elementary School helped volunfeers from the Goodfellows Centerorganize goods for food and clothing baskets going to the needy
during the holidoys.
"We wanted them to get a better understanding about whihappens to food once it has been
collected and to know that its
more than just collecting," said
Sherry Sklar, a member of the
Kenbrook PTA who helped orgalaite the trip for the students.
The students sorted blue joans
and then toured the warehouse
full of food, clothing and toys for
Farmington-area families.
Earlier this fall, students at
Kenbrook collected 20 boxes of
commer for the Goodfellows drive.
Fifth grade teacher Donna Halter
said that is double the amount
collected last year.



Helping out: Lauren Quellette sorts jeans for the Goodfellows.

The third, fourth and fifth graders who trekked to the Goodfellows Center last week said they were happy to know that their donations were going to help needy families.

"I like to help people who can't have food," said Sklar's son Ryan, 10, a fourth grader. "They need a lot and people die all over the place if they don't have food." Goodfellows will deliver 170 boxes to families and 165 boxes to senior citizons in the area. Each box is tailored to the family or individual. Boxes to families will have canned goods, dry foods, clothing and toys for children. Boxes to senior citizons usually have food and toiletries. Families also receive ouchers from A&P and Kmart to buy fresh foods and other needed items.

The boxes go out of the warehouse and into homes on Dec. 19.

Durward Hester, a Goodfellows volunteer and Farmington resident, sold delivering the boxes is a "heckuva job, but we've getta it done. We appreciate the help."

said donations this year

were down slightly, but there are always families in need. "There are a lot of people that need help," he said. "We have al-most the same ones every year, but this year we have a lot of peo-ple out of work."

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Hester, a retired heavy equipment operator, has been a Good-

fellows volunteer for 19 years. He said he volunteers because "I feel like people need help and it needs to be done. Somehody has to give them a hand."

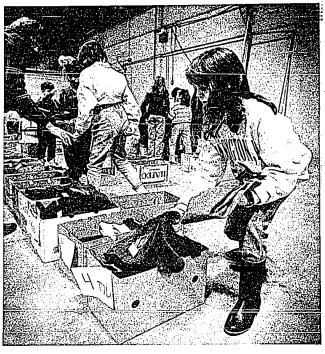
The children said they lend hand for the same reason.

"We do it to help the poor people and give them clothes," said

Jenna Street, 8. "I think you should do it all over the United States because there can be a lot of poor people in the winter who need food and clothes."

The third grader said she was

having fun, too.
"We get to sort out jeans," Jen-



That's the spirit: Lindsay Tiemeyer sorts jeans for the Goodfellows.



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