

District 6420

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EarlyAct

Interact

Rotaract

SHOWCASE 2026

Saluting Our EarlyAct, Interact & Rotaract Clubs!

We are very proud to share with you the service projects and accomplishments of SEVEN Clubs who submitted entries for this year's **SHOWCASE!** They are included in alphabetical order with pictures submitted. ALL SEVEN entries are honored by our Rotary District, of which THREE (among those submitted by May 1) have been selected to receive \$100 each toward their next service projects for outstanding achievement – **CONGRATS TO SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB, JORDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL EARLY-ACT CLUB, AND SYCAMORE ROTARACT CLUB – AND CONGRATS TO ALL FOR AMAZING SERVICE ABOVE SELF !**

Please remember to participate in NEXT year's SHOWCASE --- There are LOTS of Clubs out there doing LOTS of great things and we hope you will also share your service projects, fundraisers, and successes!

We presently report TWO active EarlyAct Clubs – tracking down another FOUR... 21 active Interact Clubs (tracking down another 3), and ONE active Rotaract Club! We hope this year's SHOWCASE will inspire Rotary Clubs to start up NEW Clubs!

Say the word, and District assistance is on the way to help ACTivate --or re-ACTivate -- a Club in your community!

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Congrats to all –

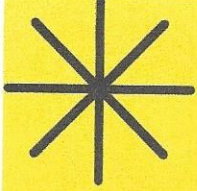
AND THANKS TO THOSE WHO SHARED PICS AND STORIES!

May 8, 2026

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District Youth Services Co-Chair

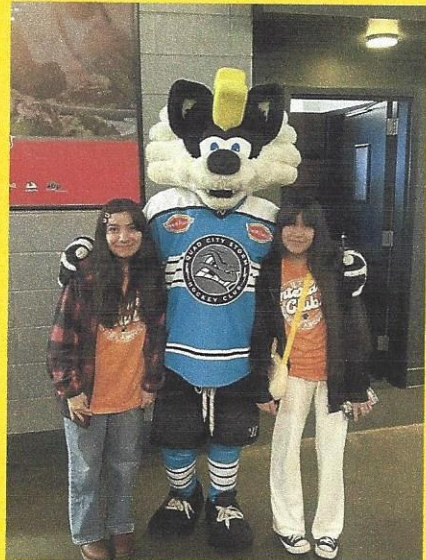
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UNITED TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
INTERACT CLUB



East Moline Silvis Rotary Club



Chuck a Puck at
 QC Storm Hockey



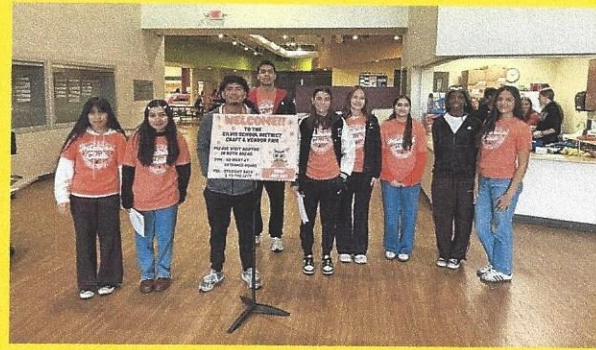
Ticket Taking as a
 fundraiser



Kids Against Hunger with
 Riverdale High School



Knights of Columbus
 Tootsie Roll Drive

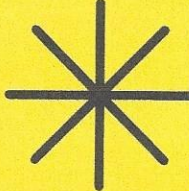
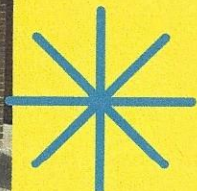
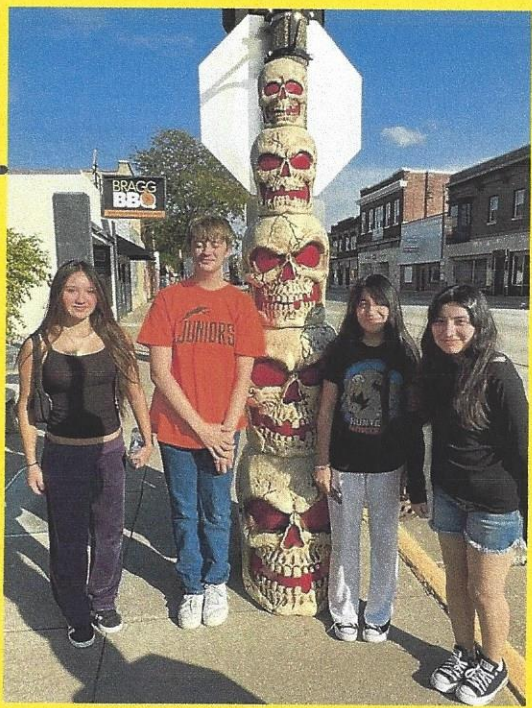


Silvis Junior High Craft Fair



QC Marathon Post Race Refuse

Respectabilities
 downtown
 East Moline
 Halloween event



2026 Jordan Catholic School EarlyAct Club



The Jordan Catholic School EarlyAct Club began its 10th year with over 30 fifth and sixth grade students ready to serve their school, community, and the world! Throughout the year, students completed many projects, both big and small.

Stuff the Turkey & Angel Tree Christmas Gifts

In November, members visited each classroom and challenged students to “stuff the turkey” with cash donations. This annual event raised over \$1400. This money was used to purchase Christmas gifts for children and families in need at our affiliated parishes. Members met after school at Target were able to provide gifts for 18 children.



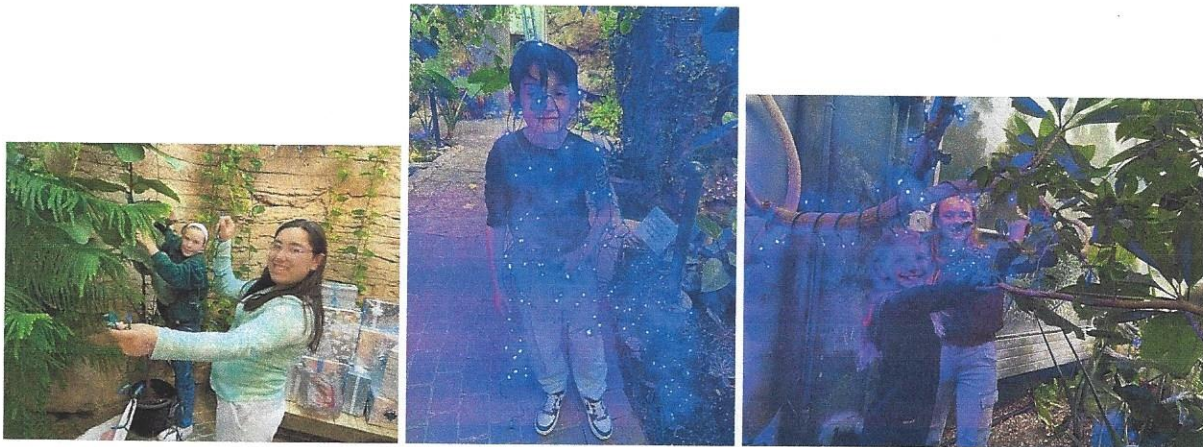
Parent's Night Out

At the annual Jordan Gala, EarlyAct auctioned off a "Parent's Night Out" event that provided entertainment and babysitting for an evening. The winning family and their guests were treated to a fun night of making pizzas, playing games, making an art project, and manicures by our EarlyAct members.



Quad City Botanical Center Winter Lights

Several EarlyAct members spent an afternoon hanging lights at the Quad City Botanical Center for the annual Winter Lights show.



Learned About Water Filters with Rock Island Rotary

Bob Swanson and Dr. Philis taught EarlyAct students all about the LifeStraw water filters that are sent around the world to provide clean drinking water. Our students even got to sample the clean and filtered water!



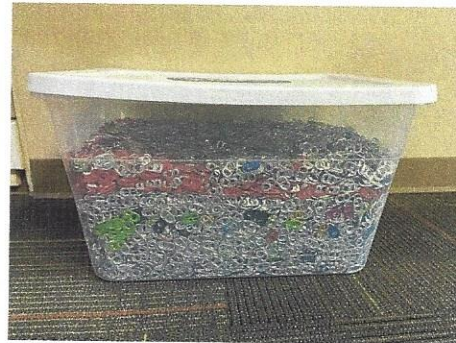


Neighborhood Forest Tree Distribution

For Earth Day, EarlyAct members distributed trees that were ordered and delivered through the Neighborhood Forest program, which provides free trees to families across the United States.

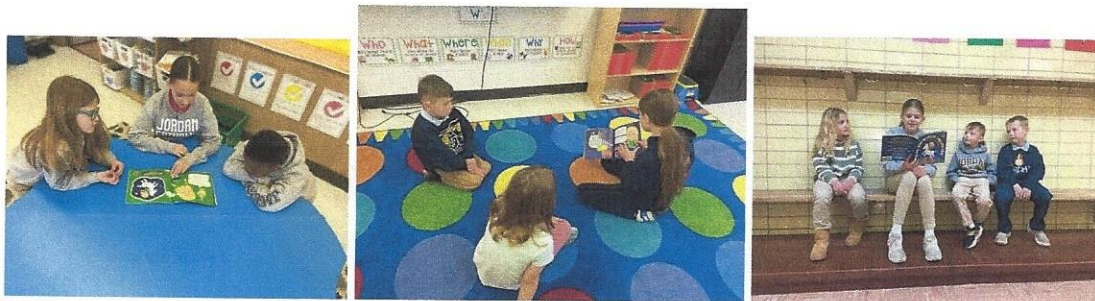
Pop Tab Collection

EarlyAct collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. These will be delivered in May.



Million Can Recycling Contest

From November through April, EarlyAct partnered with Midland Davis and the Million Cans Recycling Contest to recycle aluminum cans. We competed against other schools across the country to bring in as many cans as possible. We were also able to visit younger classrooms and share a story about recycling to help spread the message about the importance of recycling cans.





Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt

Rain didn't dampen our Easter spirit as our EarlyAct members hid eggs for our kindergarteners throughout our school library this year.

Motivating Testing Treats

Before the spring standardized tests, EarlyAct made and delivered encouraging treats to all grade levels at Jordan.



Olde Towne Bakery Fundraiser Distribution and Jordan Golf Outing Goodie Bags

Our EarlyAct members also helped with two big fundraisers at school. We packaged and delivered the orders for the Olde Towne Bakery fundraiser in March, and we stuffed the goodie bags that were given to the golfers at the annual Jordan Golf Outing at Highland Springs Golf Course.

...and more to come!...

We plan to continue our work in our school's memorial garden and outdoor classroom throughout the summer to help beautify our school.

Princeton High School Interact Club 2025-2026 Summary



Bake Sale

The PHS Interact Club hosted their annual bake sale at a football game. We raised \$705 to donate to St. Jude.

Trunk or Treat



We organized our Second Trunk or Treat. We invited all student organizations, clubs, and sports to have a trunk in the high school parking lot. Approximately 20 groups took part offering games and candy to the children who attended.

We are looking forward to the next one!



Veterans Day Breakfast

We also hosted our annual Veterans Day breakfast on November 11 before school. We provided breakfast to many local veterans, several students read poems, and then we headed outside for the flag raising, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the national anthem, and observed a 21 gun salute along with a student playing taps.



Staff Donuts and hot chocolate

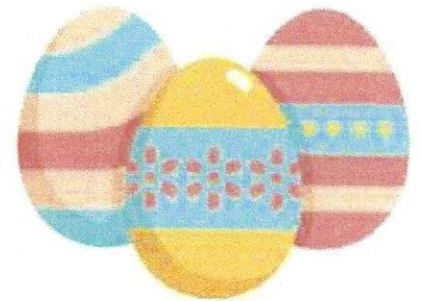
The Interact Club wished our staff a “warm & cozy holiday season” by delivering hot chocolate packets, candy canes, and donuts on the last day of class before finals first semester. Many staff members voiced appreciation of this unexpected surprise.

Change fundraiser

We challenged each grade level to bring in spare change the week before spring break. The juniors collected the most and won donuts for their class. We raised \$250 to donate to Care International.

Easter egg stuffing

We once again helped the Princeton Rotarians stuff Easter eggs at the high school for the egg hunt Princeton Rotary hosts for the community.



Canned Food Drive

We challenged homerooms to see who could collect the most canned goods for the food pantry. The winning homeroom will be announced the week of May 4, and they'll receive cookies!

Help at Shrimpfest

We will offer a craft and a game for children at the Princeton Rotary's Shrimpfest held in June. Interact students will take turns working our craft and game table.

**Riverdale High School Interact Club
sponsored by River Cities Rotary**

The Interact Club has been very active this year!

They hosted a blood drive in the high school library which they received money to help fund their Kids Against Hunger project.

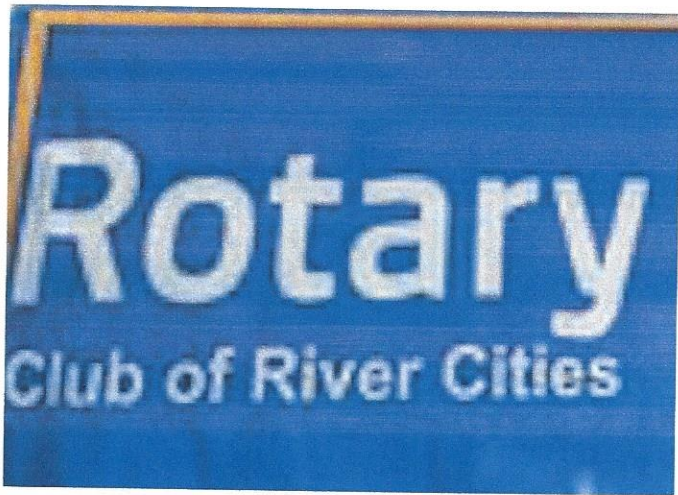
On April 25th, Riverdale Interact hosted a Kids Against Hunger food packaging event at Riverdale High School. Interact clubs from United Township and Moline high schools participated alongside Riverdale students in packaging over 9,000 meals for those in need!

Also, the Interact students help our Rotary Club in our annual fishing derby which provides a free opportunity to fish on a lake, help serve at the annual elementary school's Veteran's Day breakfast and volunteer alongside Rotarians at the Night to Shine.

We are very proud of our Interact students at Riverdale High School. They continue to show the community what service above self really means.

Thank you!

Chalyn Fornero-Green
Community Engagement
Cordova District Library
President, River Cities Rotary



RIVERDALE INTERACT CLUB



Fishing Derby



Fishing Derby



A Night to Shine!



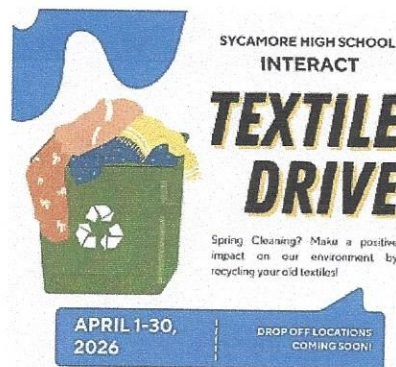
Kids Against Hunger



Veteran's Breakfast

Interact Club of Sycamore

Showcase Report 2026



Textile Recycling Drive

We were blown away by the community participation in our first-ever Textile Recycling Drive! Several local businesses and public spaces were kind enough to host dropboxes for textile items that couldn't otherwise be reused so that our club can appropriately dispose of them at a textile recycling plant.



Our 2025-2026 Impact

- **Music & Memory with NIU:** Two club leaders partnered with an NIU program to work with seniors living with dementia in local long-term care facilities. Students partner with residents to create art and music together. It was a great experience for residents and students!
- **Adopt-a-Classroom Support:** We continue to support the Rotaract Club's Adopt a Classroom program by sorting, labeling, and bundling over 1,500 books this year alone!
- **Pumpkin Fest:** We helped manage the Rotaract's shirt sales booth and helped serve pancakes at the Sycamore Rotary's Pancake Breakfast. We got to mingle with so many Rotarians!
- **Feed My Starving Children:** We teamed up with Sycamore Rotaract to take a huge team to the DeKalb County Mobile Pack! This is always a group favorite!
- **Trivia For Troops:** Our club hosted a trivia event at our local VFW hall. Students, families, and Veterans all participated!
- **Reading Recs!:** Our members chose their favorite childhood books to write short book reviews and recommendations for, then delivered them to each elementary school's library in the district.
- **Mini Projects:** During each monthly meeting, we collaborate on mini projects such as making hot cocoa packets for the Spartan Food Pantry, creating holiday door signs for nursing homes, and writing notes for Teacher Appreciation Week.



Rotaract Club of Sycamore

Showcase Report 2026



5th Annual Adopt-a-Classroom

We are proud to have distributed over 2,500 new books to elementary students in Sycamore and DeKalb School Districts. We are thankful for all the contributions made by our local businesses and supporters, who helped us foster a love of literacy among our youth this year!



Our 2025-2026 Impact

- **Little Free Library:** Located at Charley Laing Memorial Park.
- **Adopt-a-Classroom:** Each student receives 1 new book, every month throughout the school year. This year, 14 classrooms were adopted & 2,500+ books given out!
- **Pumpkin Fest Clothing Sales Fundraiser:** Sold the official Pumpkin Fest attire to help fund our Interact Scholarship, Adopt-a-Classroom, and other projects.
- **Trick-or-Trivia:** A fun night of Trivia to raise funds for our service projects & local food pantries.
- **Hygiene Drive:** Collecting hygiene items within the community for Sycamore and DeKalb students.
- **Highway Clean-Up:** Cleaning a stretch of Malta Road near Kishwaukee Community College.
- **Sycamore Interact Scholarship:** Financially assisting our Sycamore Interactors with their higher education goals.
- **Community Outreach:** Participated in local Volunteer Fair & held an open house for prospective members.
- **Pints for Pups:** Community event at Jonamac Orchard on May 2nd!



FIELDCREST INTERACT CLUB SPONSORED BY TOLUCA ROTARY

The Fieldcrest Interact Club had a busy 2025-2026 school year. Some of our short term projects we worked on this year include in September, we worked with the FHS Dance and Volleyball Teams to honor our students who have experienced childhood cancer.



Along with both the other organizations, we planned several Go Gold for Childhood Cancer! Activities. This included making Go Gold! packages for all the students in our district with gold ribbons, gold beads and chain links for the students to decorate in honor of students with cancer. We held memorial celebrations at a Volleyball game and helped create Go Gold! Shirts. We worked with our Fieldcrest Student Council to welcome the veterans at our Veteran's Day assembly by preparing gift bags and helping to greet people.

In December and April, the Interact club sponsored two Red Cross Blood Drives. We collected over 60 pints of blood between the two drives. Because we met our goals, we earned a \$1000 scholarship to be given to a graduating senior member of the Interact Club.

Other ongoing projects we worked on this year include moving food for the Back Pack SnackPack organization. This group supplies snack packs for needy families in our communities. The club helps by moving one food order per month up to the top floor of their storage area.

Part of the club worked on a project called Intermediate Outreach. A few times during the school year, we go to the Intermediate school and work with their houses. This year, we helped them write and decorate cards for children at the St. Jude hospital. We also worked with them on the skill of cooperating together as a group to meet a goal.

In the winter the club sponsors a couple of larger projects, organizing basket raffles for St. Jude and the Christmas Club. We work with local businesses in the community and organization in the school to collect baskets, set up a display and sell raffle tickets at a boys and girls basketball game. This year, we earned in excess of \$2000 by selling raffle tickets. This money will be used to help our local St.

Jude running team meet their fundraising goal. For the Christmas Club, we raise funds so we can provide Christmas gifts for needy high school students. Club members shop for individual students, wrap presents and then give them anonymously to the students who express a need. This project fills a gap in our communities by giving gifts to students who are ineligible through other organizations, ensuring students throughout the district have a happier holiday.

In the spring, we sponsored a lock-in for any Fieldcrest students. Students spent the night and played games, had an eclipse ball tournament and experienced the Amazing Race. Activities began at 8:00 p.m., the students left at 6:00 a.m. In January, a former member of the FHS Interact club died. The extra money collected from our lock-in will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Organization in memory of Hope Yunker, a 4 year member of the Fieldcrest Interact Club.

