Project HEARTBEAT

Altrusa Temple

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Project HEARTBEAT works to eliminate barriers to enrollment and attendance, and to increase and improve the emotional well-being and academic achievement of homeless students. Project HEARTBEAT works with children and unaccompanied youth in homeless situations to meet their basic needs, and to ensure their rights under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act are met. In the first two weeks of school, over 200 students have been identified in this program in the Belton Independent School District.

Project Heartbeat provides backpacks filled with school supplies as students are entering the program. Backpacks and supplies are funded through a state grant.

* Altrusa will provide age/grade level appropriate books (suggestions to be provided by school librarians) to be labeled with Altrusa label and included in the backpack.
* A variety of socks and underwear will be purchased and given to the Project Heartbeat Coordinator for distribution as requested. Socks and underwear are urgently needed for all ages, but are most often requested by unaccompanied minors (mostly girls).

Cost: $1,000 (books, socks and underwear)

Hours: 10

 Coordinate with Project Heartbeat coordinator

 Order books

 Add Altrusa label

 Deliver to Project Heartbeat office

 Stuff backpacks (not required by BISD but possible if Altrusans wish to do so)