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## **Saint Gertrude Food Drive Benefits Commonwealth Catholic Charities**

**(RICHMOND, VA) DEC. 3, 2008 . . .** The national honor society of Saint Gertrude High School in Richmond delivered a special gift to the Commonwealth Catholic Charities emergency food pantry.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, Kelsey Crider, Kelsey Creech, Kattie Nichols, Rachel Wilkerson and Maggie Nichols, members of the school's national honor society, delivered 30 grocery bags packed with healthy, nonperishable food to assist individuals and families during the holiday season. The food was collected during a school sponsored food drive. "It is because of Saint Gertrude's and others in the community that we are able to continue to serve those who need help with this very basic need," said Vickie Jones, manager of the CCC emergency food pantry.

The Commonwealth Catholic Charities emergency food pantry is available to anyone in need. Donations of peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, baby food and formula, rice, pasta, cereal, granola bars and crackers are needed every day to meet the growing demand for food.

Contributions may be delivered to the CCC office at 1512 Willow Lawn Drive, (across from the Shops at Willow Lawn) Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For details about holding a CCC food drive, call 804-285-5900 or visit [www.cccovva.org](http://www.cccovva.org). Commonwealth Catholic Charities is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit human service organization that assists all people.