

Volunteers, Students Activate Super Powers to Fight Hunger

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On Thursday, March 25, 2009, students and staff from JJ Hill Montessori School and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center staff and Board Members ducked into phone booths, changed into capes or masks and faster than a speeding bullet, delivered food from JJ Hill to the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf as a part of a month-long campaign against the “forces of hunger.”

The effort was the creation of Brande Kraft, a Saint Paul Public Schools Discovery Club group leader at JJ Hill and her students, working with Hannah Ellis, Manager of Volunteerism and Quality Assurance for Hallie Q. Brown. Kraft and her group of students (third through sixth graders) adopted the Food Shelf in 2009 as part of their school service learning project. Their goal was to show young people that they can make a difference in the world. So motivated were Kraft and her students that they were able to get the entire school involved for the month of March.

With help from a few “Superfriends” along the way, Mississippi Market donated 500 recyclable/reusable bags for collecting and transporting food; Pizza Luce donated food to the class collecting the most items and Minnesota FoodShare (MFS) matched each pound and dollar raised as part of their March Campaign.

Donations are accepted year round at the Center and all those made by April 9, 2010 count in MFS’ March Campaign matching.

Founded in 1929, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc. is a private, nonprofit social service agency serving the Summit University area of Saint Paul, Minnesota and is the administrative body of the Martin Luther King Center, which houses our partners offering specialized services and programs, including the nationally recognized Penumbra Theatre Company. Hallie Q. Brown also operates branch service centers at Oxford and Laurel and Skyline Towers, where we meet the emergency food and clothing needs of community residents.