

MAHS NEWS – December 2008



Forty one students representing the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies attended the NHS and NJHS Celebration of Excellence conference in Orlando, Florida. They participated with over 820 students from around the country to collaborate, network, share ideas, attend student led workshops and participate in a community service forum . Those in attendance heard from keynote speakers Ed Gerety, John Jell and Bob Tryanski. The MAHS members returned home with great ideas to share with their school chapters.

Below are a couple of resources mentioned at the NHS Conference.

www.Scholarships101.com and www.nextstudent.com Scholarship sites

www.shoe4africa.org Collect gently used athletic shoes and ship to Africa

www.carebags4kids.org Care bags for displaced youth around the world.

There are many more sites listed on the NHS website at www.nhs.us .

Here are some other possibilities of service projects that have recently come in to share.

Change the Game with the Souper Bowl of Caring!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of giving and service that started when one group of youth decided to use the energy around our nation's most celebrated sporting event, to inspire others and help those in need. This year will mark the 20th Souper Bowl of Caring! Groups will register online at www.souperbowl.org and receive a free Starter Kit to help plan their event. They will organize a collection of food and/or money between January 18th and February 14th, 2009. After reporting the total of their collection to Souper Bowl of Caring, they will donate 100% to any nonprofit in their own community that helps their neighbors in need. In the end...all of those small collections will add up and demonstrate the power of caring. Last year, over \$10 million in cash and cans was raised and to date, over \$50 million has been generated. Be a part and change the game! Register today at www.souperbowl.org!

Dance Your Heart Out!
Help Children Facing HIV/AIDS
Saturday, March 7th, 2009
10am-10pm
Mall of America in Bloomington, MN

Did you know that you can make a profound difference in the life of a child affected by HIV/AIDS? It's easy and fun!

Sign up today at www.danceyourheartout.org! Join us at the 2009 Dance Your Heart Out dance marathon and raise awareness and funds for One Heartland's children, youth and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. Visit www.danceyourheartout.org today!

State Service Project – Get your team signed up NOW!!!

The 2008 – 2009 MAHS State Service Project is the [Minnesota Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#).

The MAHS Executive Committee is asking Minnesota Schools to participate in raising funds for Diabetes Research. You can join Honor Society Chapters from around the state in the Walk to Cure Diabetes on **Saturday, January 24, 2009** at the Mall of America. Or your chapter can host an event in your community and send in a donation during the year.

Please feel free to contact Kara Fischer - Special Events Manager – Walk to Cure Diabetes at kfischer@jdrf.org or at 952-851-0770. There are many ways that your chapter can get involved in this year's service project.

*******Important Dates to Remember*******

National NHS Scholarship Due date – January 16th --- available on line at www.nhs.us

State MAHS Scholarship Due Date – January 30th – available on line at www.massp.org
MAHS tab – News and Information – Awards & Scholarships – Forms

MAHS Spring Convention – Saturday, April 25, 2009
Becker High School