

Principal for a Day Participant Donates to Hull Middle’s CARE Team

Leadership Gwinnett graduate, David Hern, raised \$1,800 for families of homeless students



Duluth, GA (May 3, 2018) – Hull Middle School’s CARE team tripled its fund pool last Thursday thanks to David Hern, Leadership Gwinnett class of 2018 and Director of Valuation Services, Alvarez & Marsal. Hern raised \$1,800 for the program which provides Walmart, Target, fuel gift cards to families of students that are homeless. Hull’s Care Team also provides students with eye exams and glasses, school supplies, clothing, food, and sometimes even electric bills. Funds can be exhausted quickly each year depending upon the needs of the children and their families.

Leadership Gwinnett, a civic engagement program whose mission is to educate, equip, and engage Gwinnett’s leaders, requires participants to partake in Gwinnett County Public School’s Principal for a Day Program. It was through this program David learned of the staggering number of students on free or reduced lunch status and wanted to help.

55% of kids in Gwinnett County are on free or reduced lunch for the 2016-2017 school year. An alarming 13 Gwinnett County public schools are over 90% free or reduced lunch. In May 2016, the Gwinnett County School system had approximately 1,943 known homeless students. (Gwinnett County Public School Homeless Liaison).

“During the PFAD experience there was an issue that we had to deal with involving a student’s extended absence which I discovered was due to their parents having to chase rent by moving and couch surfing leading to extended absences for the student. The CARE Program sprung into action to assist this

student and his family. This experience led me to inquire about the program and ultimately to see how my Leadership Gwinnett family could help. We settled on a fundraiser for which the proceeds were used to increase Hull's CARE program fund balance over 350% to sustain the level Hull needs to continue to serve their fightin' Lion's families," said Hern.

About Leadership Gwinnett:

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