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Season of Giving Captured at Local Elementary School

Carlyss, LA – Students at Vincent Settlement Elementary know the meaning of leadership and giving back. Just look at VSE Student Council members, who orchestrated a school-wide monetary drive to help donate to Cameron Communications’ annual Adopt-A-Family program.

Each holiday season, Cameron Communications adopts local families in need and donates toys, food and other holiday goodies through employee donations. This year, however, they were joined by local elementary school, Vincent Settlement Elementary. Together, students, faculty and staff donated \$200 to the cause. The members of the student council had approached Trina Johnson, Public Relations Coordinator, with a desire to help in the fall of 2009.

“It was a touching experience, knowing that these kids cared so much about needy families that they did not know, and may never have the chance to meet,” said Johnson on the generous donation. “Being Partners in Education with Vincent Settlement, we know that the kids that go to that school are fantastic, but with the holidays and the economy, we were delighted with any sort of donation, much less the magnitude of what they’ve done.”

Thanks to Vincent Settlement and Cameron Communications, they were able to provide a Christmas meal and toys and gifts under the tree for four needy families. Members of the Vincent Settlement Elementary Student Council include Tanner Pool, Logan Castille, Paige Phillips, Bayleigh Christ, Dylan Wyatt, Jarod Keers, Andi Whitfield, Sydney Seaford, Kallie Gatte, Sara Ellender, Darbi Lockhart, Gillian Reeves, Tayler Goudeau, Anna Mathews, Harleigh Smith, Christon Nelson, Kaitlyn Darby and Jesse Barnes. Faculty advisors are Jaclyn Ware and Laura Bowers.

“This is an annual event that our employees look forward to each year,” commented Johnson, “and we look forward to continuing our partnership with this great school, and to discussing the possibility of continuing this program next year.”

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PICTURE DESCRIPTION:

Members of the Vincent Settlement Elementary Student Council pose with their \$200 donation to help needy families during the 2009 Holiday Season. Student Council members include: (standing, left-right, row 1): Tanner Pool, Logan Castille, Paige Phillips, Bayleigh Christ, Dylan Wyatt (standing, row 2): Jarod Keers, Andi Whitfield, Sydney Seaford, Kallie Gatte, Sara Ellender (standing, row 3): Darbi Lockhart, Gillian Reeves, Tayler Goudeau, Anna Mathews, Harleigh Smith (kneeling): Christon Nelson, Kaitlyn Darby and Jesse Barnes. Faculty advisors are Jaclyn Ware (teacher, left), and Laura Bowers (teacher, right).