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Operation Food Search and St. Louis City Public Schools District

60 St. Louis Public Schools collected more than 130,000 food items to benefit the area hungry for the 6th Annual **Hearts for Hunger Food Drive**.

St. Louis Public School students would seem to be the least-likely group to reach out to others with food. The reason: 82% of students receive free or reduced lunches. In addition, many of their families qualify for other food assistance programs. What makes this story amazing is that these students are not the beneficiaries of a food drive but are spearheading the effort to make a difference in the lives of others.

Top schools recognized for their efforts:

Shaw VPA CEC: 11,419 canned items - Overall Winner & Top Elementary

Gateway Middle School: 4,453 items - Top Middle School

Beaumont High School: 11,123 items - Top High School

Gateway Michael School: 2,693 items - Top Special School

Since their first food drive in 2003, St. Louis Public School students have donated more than **500,000** food items.



Angela Pearcy (center left) and Travis Riley (center right), students from Shaw Elementary, accept the award for most cans collected presented by representatives from the St. Louis Public Schools District, Peg Pederson (left), Marilyn Burress, Yolanda Crewes, Joe Torrissi, and John Windom.