Palouse Hills 4-H Club Public Adventures Project

Learning about the Issues in local media

**Issue:** Some people don’t have money for food or Christmas.

**Goal:** Provide food for needy families and money for Christmas.

**Project:** Collect Food and money for need families for Christmas.

**Mission Statement:**
We, the Palouse Hills Public Adventures 4-H project members, are concerned that many families in our community will not have a good Christmas. Our goal is to provide food and money for some families who need help at Christmas. We plan to collect food and money and donate it to the food bank and “Christmas for Kids” organization.

**Story:** We are 3 members of a 4-H club in Moscow, Idaho. We are concerned that some people in our community would not have a good Christmas this year. We contacted some organizations in our community that help needy families to find out what kinds of things are needed and who to give to. We decided to collect food and money by going door to door. (Several other organizations had collected by leaving grocery bags on doorknobs and then coming back the next week to collect the food. But many people forget to put the bags out so that’s why we decided to go in person.) We decided to give the food to the Moscow Food Bank and the money to “Christmas for Kids” and organization that coordinates “trees of giving” for needy families at Christmas. They would use the money to buy food and clothing for any children whose names were not selected from one of those trees.
We contacted two grocery stores and they donated bags to use for collecting food. We also wrote a letter to the newspaper and asked for the local radio station to announce that we would be collecting on the following Saturday.

We met on Saturday morning and collected about 20 bags of food which we delivered to the Moscow Food Bank. We also collected some money which we gave to “Christmas for Kids.”