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Central High Eagles “Pennies Count”

On March 29 Omaha Central High School students presented a \$2,112 check to Methodist Hospital Foundation for its Charitable Care Program. For hundreds of Methodist Hospital patients in genuine need each year, coping with serious illness and mounting medical bills at the same time can be overwhelming. The charitable care program at Methodist Hospital Foundation helps relieve the burden with funding for medical services, therapy, and prescriptions.

“Methodist is a Central Adopt-a-School partner and is helping our school go wireless,” said CHS Senior Mikaela Kelly. “As a student body we wanted to give something back as a way to show our appreciation. We wanted to do something that all students could participate in, so we decided on a penny drive.” National Honor Society students took milk jugs donated by Roberts Dairy to homerooms for a week and asked students to toss in their spare change. “As you can see, when we all come together as a group, we can make a big difference,” said Kelly.

Central High School, established in 1859, is the oldest, largest and one of the most diverse and competitive high schools in Omaha. Its mission is to continue a tradition of excellence by emphasizing academic achievement, responsible citizenship, and pride in diversity within a safe and respectful environment.

Central High School, Central High School Foundation, and Omaha Public Schools have recently undertaken a two year, \$1.4 million campaign to help bring CHS education into the 21st Century with wireless Internet and technology resources to guarantee its impact on every CHS student.

Central High School Foundation partners and Central High School Adopt-A-School Partners include First National Bank of Omaha, Midland University and Nebraska Methodist College - The Josie Harper Campus.

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Left to Right: CHS Senior Mikaela Kelly, CHS Senior Brittany Prescott, CHS National Honor Society Advisor Paul Nielson, and Methodist Hospital Foundation Board Member Sid Dinsdale