

To: Virgil Teeter

As another Food for Families season approaches, one can only look back and be amazed at the vision of the person that gave birth to the idea of communities coming together to help their neighbors in need. You are to be congratulated for not only having the vision, but also the determination to see your vision come to fruition. I wish so much that you could be present at Gatesville ISD during the weeks prior to Food for Families each year. I think you would be astonished at the enthusiasm and persistence of the students as they gather contributions for the local Care Center. I can honestly say that Food for Families unites the entire school district and the community in a common goal more than any other project.

Food for Families does much more than simply supply the Care Center with food. Food for families plays a vital role in students' education. There are so many life lessons they learn from this worthy endeavor. They learn that each of them truly can make a difference in the world by working together with other individuals toward a common goal. They learn the fun of healthy competition while experiencing the joy that comes from helping others. And, finally, they learn that others in the community actually need their help, in turn teaching them to appreciate what they have.

You, Virgil Teeter, are an inspiration and a blessing to the students, staff, and faculty of the Gatesville Independent School District. Thank you for having a dream and allowing us to help it come true.

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