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Glenwood donation on its way to Haiti

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Kathy Price, founder and director of the Mission of Love, showed up at Glenwood Middle School on Wednesday to pick up a donation of more than 34 boxes of clothing, linens and toys that are on their way to Haiti as part of the humanitarian aid effort. Under the guidance of Glenwood science teacher and wrestling coach Eric Diefenderfer, Glenwood wrestlers Austin Clark and Kraig Lyons begin moving the boxes as Price thanks them.

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The big collection effort of clothes and supplies to help the children of Haiti peaked on Jan. 27 when the Mission of Love truck showed up at the school. It was the giving heart of the families and staff that enabled the school to stuff 34 boxes of childrens clothing and additional boxes of supplies to help the Haitian children affected by the earthquake.

The collection that began the prior week ended after seven quick days and amazed Glenwood science teacher and wrestling coach, Eric Diefenderfer. What started out as just 24 boxes, quickly multiplied as more students were carrying in last-second donations.

Diefenderfer said one student even brought in a bag of toys that he wanted to donate so the children would have something to enjoy in the wake of such a disaster.

"It's children helping children. Isn't that wonderful?" Price said.

Price is pushing hard to get the donations into Haiti as quickly as possible. One shipment already crossed the Gulf on a container ship. She said the airbase is standing by too, and is ready to haul

clothes and supplies under the Denton Program.

The Glenwood contribution, along with the Handel's Ice Cream drop-off collections were loaded into containers that were trucked south then loaded onto a cargo ship that is on its way to Saint Marc, Haiti.

Price said the containers will be unloaded at Saint Marc and once emptied, will serve as temporary housing for those left homeless from the earthquake.

Price is still working with schools and churches across the Valley to continue the mission. She is grateful that the request is being met and was overjoyed when she saw what the Glenwood students alone had done for the children of Haiti.

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