

*2025-2026*

***Katy High School***

*Top 10 Project:*

***The Hunger Games***



## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the *Hunger Games* project was to support the statewide initiative **TASC Rocks Hunger** by addressing **food insecurity** within our school and the surrounding community. Our objectives were to raise awareness about hunger, actively serve those in need, and unite students through meaningful service. We aimed to encourage leadership, teamwork, and community involvement while making a measurable impact through volunteering, food donations, and fundraising efforts.

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## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The *Hunger Games* was a large-scale service initiative organized by the Katy High School Student Council. Our council, consisting of approximately 150 members, was divided into **eight teams**. Each team was responsible for planning and executing a service-based event to combat hunger that included every area of Student Council (P&P, DASH, E&E, Community Service, Staff Appreciation, and State Project) within their *Hunger Games* projects. Teams had the flexibility to volunteer, collect canned goods, or raise money for nonprofit organizations that support food-insecure individuals and families.


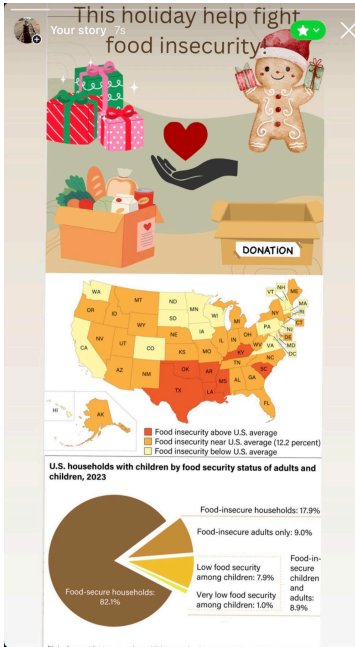

Throughout the project, teams partnered with local organizations, including **Katy Christian Ministries, Lunches of Love, The Hangar, the Houston Food Bank**, and other community resources. These partnerships enabled students to serve the community directly through food drives, monetary donations, and hands-on volunteer work.

One of the most impactful outcomes of the project was the creation of the **Tiger Pantry**, a food pantry established on our campus to provide meals and essential items for students experiencing food insecurity. This pantry ensures continued support beyond the duration of the project and reflects our commitment to long-term solutions.

The *Hunger Games* successfully combined awareness, service, and friendly competition to motivate participation and create lasting change within both our school and the broader community.

As part of the *Hunger Games* service initiative, eight student-led teams, each guided by elected officers, planned and carried out service projects focused on raising awareness of food insecurity and supporting local organizations that fight hunger in the Katy community.

DASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food insecurity is a health and safety issue that affects students' well-being, stress, and ability to learn.</li><li>• KHS Tiger Pantry and food drives promote a "healthy school," where basic needs are met alongside other drug/alcohol/safety messaging.</li></ul>
P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <i>Hunger Games</i> is a project that builds school and community pride by showing Tigers taking care of Tigers and the broader Katy area.</li><li>• Partnerships with local nonprofits are citizenship and local patriotism in action, with students visibly serving their city and region.</li></ul>
E&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food drives and the Tiger Pantry reduce food waste by redirecting surplus food to families instead of landfills</li><li>• Social Media posts on reducing food waste</li><li>• Use of reusable bags with the KHS Tiger Pantry conserves energy and protects the environment</li></ul>
Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteering at Katy Christian Ministries, Lunches of Love, The Hangar, Houston Food Bank, plus food drives and fundraising.</li><li>• Over 150 students completed hands-on service projects that were student-led, meeting the core purpose of community service committees in Texas StuCo.</li></ul>

Team	Team Project	Evidence
<b>Orange</b>	<p>The Orange Team assembled “meals-in-a-bag” using shelf-stable food items to create complete Thanksgiving dinners. These meals were donated to Katy High School students through the Tiger Pantry, ensuring families in need had access to a holiday meal.</p> <p>Focus: Creation of Tiger Pantry on campus</p>	
<b>Black</b>	<p>The Black Team focused on advocacy and awareness by creating and posting multiple social media messages highlighting the issue of food insecurity. Their campaign helped educate students and families about hunger in the local community and encouraged participation in Hunger Games events.</p> <p>Focus: Food Insecurity Advocacy</p>	 <p><b>U.S. households with children by food security status of adults and children, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food-secure households: 82.1%</li> <li>Food-insecure households: 17.9% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food-insecure adults only: 9.0%</li> <li>Low food security among children: 7.9%</li> <li>Very low food security among children: 1.0%</li> <li>Food-insecure children and adults: 8.9%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Legend for map:  <span style="color: red;">■</span> Food insecurity above U.S. average  <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Food insecurity near U.S. average (12.2 percent)  <span style="color: green;">■</span> Food insecurity below U.S. average</p>
<b>Green</b>	<p>The Green Team organized a bake sale, donating all proceeds to Katy Christian Ministries, a local organization that provides food assistance and other essential services to families in need.</p> <p>Focus: Fundraiser for local food bank, Katy Christian Ministries</p>	

**Blue**

The Blue Team hosted a free hot cocoa and cookie bar open to the community. This event served as both a community-building activity and a way to raise awareness about the Hunger Games initiative and its mission to support those facing food insecurity.

Focus: Awareness of Food Insecurity in the Katy Community



**Pink**

The Pink Team conducted a canned food drive, collecting nonperishable food items that were donated directly to the Tiger Pantry to support students experiencing food insecurity. In addition to the food drive, the team created and published “Stall Street Journals,” informational posters displayed in student restrooms that educated the school community about food waste, hunger, and other food insecurity issues, further increasing awareness and understanding of the Hunger Games initiative.

Focus: Food Drive & Awareness at school



**Purple**

The Purple Team prepared and distributed snack food bags that were donated to The Hangar, a local nonprofit organization that supports individuals and families in need.

Focus: Food drive for the Hangar



<p><b>White</b></p>	<p>The White Team hosted a s'mores night at a local park, collecting both canned goods and monetary donations. All donations were given to Katy Christian Ministries to support its hunger relief programs.</p> <p>Focus: Food Drive &amp; donations for Katy Christian Ministries</p>	
<p><b>Yellow</b></p>	<p>The Yellow Team organized a lemonade stand, donating all proceeds to the Houston Food Bank, which serves communities across the greater Houston area.</p> <p>Focus: Fundraiser for Houston Food Bank</p>	

## DESCRIPTION OF INVOLVEMENT

### a) Student Council Members

All 150 student council members actively participated by working in teams to plan, organize, and carry out service events. Students took on leadership roles, coordinated logistics, promoted events, and tracked donations and volunteer hours.

### b) Other Students

The wider student body supported the project by donating food items, contributing funds, attending events, and spreading awareness about hunger and the Tiger Pantry.

### c) Other School Organizations

Various school organizations assisted with promotion, donations, and volunteering efforts, helping expand the reach and impact of the project.

### d) Faculty

Faculty members supported the project by supervising activities, promoting events, assisting with logistics, and encouraging student participation.

### e) Community

Community organizations partnered with us to provide service opportunities and accept donations. Families and community members also contributed through donations and volunteer support.

### f) Other Student Councils

The project aligned with the statewide **TASC Rocks Hunger** initiative, connecting our efforts with student councils across Texas working toward the same goal.



**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION**

**High School**

**Middle Level**

**ENTRY COVER SHEET**

PLEASE INDICATE:

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT.

THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL PROJECT.

<b>School Name submitting the application.</b>	<b>School Address:</b>
Katy High School	6331 Highway Blvd.
<b>School City/State/Zip:</b>	<b>Size of Community(ies):</b>
Katy, TX 77493	33,333 (300,000 in greater Katy / 9 high schools)
<b>Advisor Name:</b>	<b>Advisor E-Mail:</b>
Kelly McGuire	KellyLMcGuire@katyisd.org
<b>Principal Name:</b>	<b>Principal Signature &amp; Email Address</b>
Richard D. Hull (Ashly Darnell)	<i>Ashly Darnell</i>
<b>School UIL Classification:</b>	
6A	AshlyTDarnell@katyisd.org
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Project Dates:</b>
Hunger Games	11/16/2025-11/30/2025
<b>Total Number of Students in Council(s):</b>	<b>Number of Members Involved in the Project:</b>
150	150
<b>Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):</b>	<b>Number of Other Students Involved in Project:</b>
3500	25
<b>Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):</b>	<b>Number of Faculty Involved in Project:</b>
300	5
<b>Number of Community Groups Involved in Project</b>	<b>Number of Community Members Involved in Project</b>
5 - Katy Christian Ministeries, Lunches of Love, The Hangar, Houston Food Bank, and the Tiger Pantry	40+

**THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. THE TASC WEBSITE DOES NOT ACCEPT GOOGLE DOCS.**

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload photos, newspaper articles, etc. **Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.**

Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle-Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

January 30, 2026

To the Committee of the Texas Association of Student Councils,

I am proud to support the Katy High School Student Council Top Project, The Hunger Games, and the meaningful impact it had on both our school and the community. This project was designed to address food insecurity while promoting student leadership, service, and awareness of an important issue affecting many families. Through thoughtful planning and student-led action, the project successfully met its goals and reflected the values of the Texas Association of Student Councils.

Katy HS Student Council members organized the campus into teams led by student officers, encouraging participation through friendly competition and active involvement across grade levels. Students coordinated food collection efforts, promoted awareness throughout the school, and partnered with campus and community resources to ensure donations reached those in need. In addition to collecting nonperishable food items, students created and distributed Stall Street Journals to educate the school community about hunger, food waste, and available support systems.

The impact of The Hunger Games extended beyond Katy High School, with donated items given directly to the Tiger Pantry to support students experiencing food insecurity. The project fostered empathy, collaboration, and civic responsibility, while giving students valuable leadership experience. I am extremely proud of our Student Council for its dedication and initiative, and for leading a student-driven project that created a lasting impact and strengthened our school community.

Sincerely,



Ashly Darnell  
Associate Principal  
Katy High School