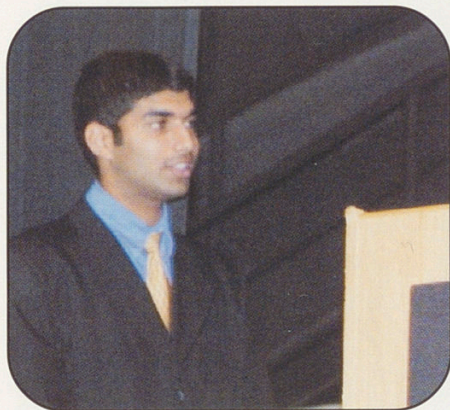


Step above the rest



"Our goal was to fully empower our 200 members to use their own talents, skills, and passions to make a meaningful contribution to society,"

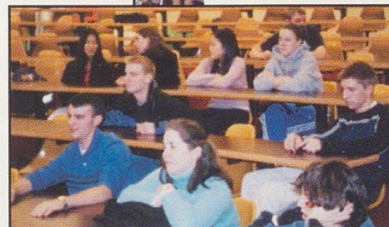
Karthik Balasubramanian, 12

A new start in November, 123 new members were inducted into National Honor Society. These new members were a great addition to the current 100 students who participate in this highly accredited organization.

"It was great to become part of NHS because I really felt like I was given the chance to make a difference for something that mattered to me, not just the leaders of the organization," said

Kim Thompson, 11.

In order to be considered for this club, you must have a 3.6 GPA, be involved in activities, have done service-work, and have teacher recommendations. This special group of high school juniors and seniors have many activities throughout the year that help continue to serve others and bond as a group. The



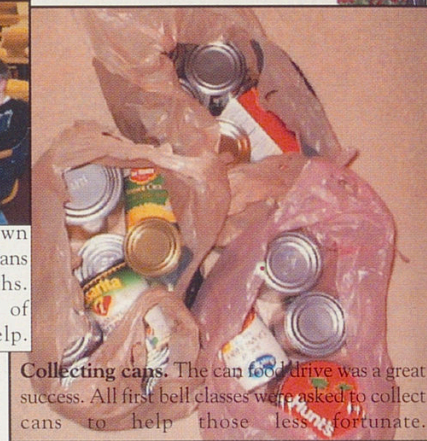
Working on plans. The Downtown Committee of NHS meets to organize plans for the upcoming months. They voted on what type of organizations they wanted to help.

outstanding senior officers included, **Karthik Balasubramanian, Irina Livshitz, Christine Lin, Shauna Bracher, Jayne Kim, and Mark Daniel**, this group continued to grow and help others.

NHS decided to make new committees that helped different organizations such as the elderly, children, or the measles



New inductees. In November, 123 new members were inducted into NHS. In this celebration each student had a chance to light their candle and introduce their sponsor.



Collecting cans. The can food drive was a great success. All first bell classes were asked to collect cans to help those less fortunate.

vaccination program.

"I thought that committees were a great, fresh idea for NHS. They really helped to get more people involved," said **Dorit Ingber, 12.**

By Liz Tracy

Make a difference

Children's Hospital, a place to help. Kindervelt was a great way of getting involved with an organization that needed volunteers. Programs and activities were set up around the city to help raise money for Children's Hospital and the children who stay there.

"I love helping with Kindervelt because it helps a good organization and it is worth the time," said **Kristen Hershberger, 12.**

This club was brought to our school four years ago, and has given students the opportunity to get involved early on with such a great organization. **Mrs. Marnie May**, volunteer coordinator, was the adviser of this club and helped plan all of the events.

The goal of Kindervelt in general was to raise funds, while having fun. The club at school continued with this goal in mind. One of their large fund-raisers was to cut apart Heinz labels from baby food containers and each one was worth



Kindervelt
of Children's Hospital Medical Center

A symbol of help. This is used as the Kindervelt symbol to show where people can find help thanks to the volunteers efforts.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Organizations such as Kindervelt raised money for the Ronald McDonald house of Cincinnati.

money. Other events included the Polar Express, a train ride during the holiday time, a Preview Party for a craft show, and the craft show at the



Cutting, cutting, and more cutting. **Kristen Hershberger, 12, and Lauren Arquilla, 12,** cut thousands of baby food labels. This great dedication raised a lot of money for Kindervelt.

Sharonville Convention Center.

"I enjoyed working the preview party because I got to see everyone dressed up and interact with more people in the community," said **Megan Bimschleger, 11.**

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