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Kingfield Elementary Donates to Health Center's Food Pantry

KINGFIELD—Last month, Kingfield Elementary School (KES) donated more than 880 food items collected during its food drive to Mt. Abram Regional Health Center's food pantry. 25 students in grades one through eight contributed more than 12 boxes and bags of food to the health center in December. KES also donated collected food to the United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem, which also has a food pantry.

The donation is part of the school's larger initiative to teach students about the United Nations Sustainable Development goals, one of which is to [confront food insecurity](#). Johanna Prince, Principal of KES, shared that first, second and eighth grade students partnered to think about ways to reduce hunger locally alongside the school's efforts to teach students about resource awareness and community involvement.



"It was a great experience for the kids to see the health center and learn about what we do here. We are hoping this is the beginning of a larger collaboration with the school," Shannon Munro, family nurse practitioner at the practice, said.

Mt. Abram's food pantry is available to patients of the practice, as well as community members at large.

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