

Horizon Christian students collect 400 stuffed animals for good cause

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Second-graders Peyton Jones and Hannah Southerland inspired fellow students and families to contribute to a good cause by hosting a stuffed animal drive during the month of January.

The girls partnered with third-grade student D.L. Scales, who collected hundreds of coats, hats and other winter wear, to make the donation a complete package.

Horizon Christian School continually supports the Albertina Kerr Center and their programs through various avenues with students working through Judi Smith, Horizon Christian School's principal, to develop a personal action plan.

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helping other children who may not have a favorite stuffed animal or warm coat was the right thing to do," said Jones, 7. "Both my parents and my school taught me that it's important to share the things I've been blessed with and to help others who may not be as lucky as me. It felt really good to help out other kids in the

community, and it was fun too!"

Albertina Kerr is one of the leading centers helping children, adults and families in Oregon who have mental health challenges and developmental disabilities.

Horizon Christian Schools provides a Christian teaching environment without denomina-



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tional restrictions through two schools situated on two different campuses: Horizon Christian Elementary and Middle School, and Horizon Christian High School.

HEAVY LIFTING — Horizon Christian Elementary second-graders Peyton Jones of Sherwood and Hannah Southerland of Lake Oswego wield a heavy bag as they make numerous trips into the Albertina Kerr Center last week. Along with third-grader D.L. Scales, and Judi Smith, principal of Horizon Christian Schools, they delivered 400 stuffed animals, more than 250 books and piles of winter clothes that they had collected at Horizon Christian.