

GREMSgiving

New for 2023, the HHS Student Council and Interact Clubs have teamed up to host our first ever GREMSgiving, a way to give back to our Copper Country community in real and practical ways. **During the month of November**, our high school Gremlins will be collecting for the following charities:

- Toys for Tots
- TV6 Canathon
- Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home
- Angel Mission
- 31 Backpacks
- Operation Copper Country Active Duty

Students will be encouraged and challenged to give in a variety of ways by school staff with an ultimate goal of filling every single box in the hallways near the library of the high school. Teachers may also have classes participate in service projects around the Copper Country during this campaign. **The kickoff for our month of giving will be Thursday, November 9th - the date of Parent Teacher Conferences.** We hope to highlight the specified local charities over the course of the month to share with our school the impact their giving can have. The final collection date will be Friday, December 1.

As Gremlins, we know we have been provided by so much from our local community networks that we want to show we care by giving back. What better way to do that, than GREMSgiving? If you would like to contribute, or have any questions, you can reach out to Interact Advisor Traci Welch (twelch@hpts.us) or Student Council Advisor Anna Bradfish (abradfish@hpts.us). A list of needed donations can be found below. Thank you!

Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give.

-Dr. Ben Carson

What Can I Give?

Toys for Tots

Provides toys for children in the Copper Country at Christmas. In 2022, our local campaign distributed 3,867 gifts to 1,219 Western UP children. The Houghton PT Schools is the second largest contributor to this local campaign.

- New, unwrapped toys
- Gifts for any age, but please consider teens, who are typically harder to buy for

31 Backpacks

Make sure Copper Country Kids don't go to bed hungry. 31 Backpacks uses the local school systems to provide food and necessities on the weekends to students who are at-risk. "Poverty is a very complicated issue, but feeding a child isn't." -Jeff Bridges

- Granola bars (or similar snacks - individually wrapped)
- Pop tarts
- Mac n cheese microwavable cups (single serving)

Angel Mission

Provides necessities to members of our Copper Country Community. Help them COAT the Copper Country! Last month, in 12 hours, they gave away 500 winter jackets, 40 pairs of snowpants, 90 pairs of gloves, and more to locals in need.

- Waterproof gloves and mittens
- Warm knit mittens
- Gently used or new snow pants
- Teen/men's outerwear of all types

Canathon

Help feed a hungry neighbor. Since 1982, the TV6 Canathon has distributed more than 5 million pounds of food to local food banks through agencies like St. Vincent DePaul and the Salvation Army throughout the UP.

- Non-perishable food items; unopened and unexpired

American Legion Auxiliary - Operation Copper Country Active Duty

Send some UP love to our servicemembers abroad. The AL Auxiliary is sending care packages to Copper Country military members who won't be home this holiday season.

- UP Themed donations for gift baskets
 - Coffee mugs; Local coffee
 - Playing cards; Stickers
 - T-shirts; hats

BKG Shelter Home

Providing a safe space for victims of domestic violence and their children. Counseling and outreach specialists also available.

- Women and children's underwear - all sizes
- Women and children's socks - all sizes
- Dryer sheets
- Purse size Manicure Sets
- New Bed Pillows (Walmart, Family Dollar, etc are fine)
- 2024 Pocket Calendars
- AA, AAA, 9V batteries
- Journals/Notebooks
- Kleenex - unscented