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### **The True Meaning of Thanksgiving**

For the past several years, Lighthouse Ministries has hosted a Thanksgiving meal in the Sayre Buttery for local people in need. They typically serve 450 people, approximately 150 of whom are children. Since 2012, the Sayre community has partnered with the Lighthouse to provide the food for the meal. Based on the traditional menu for the meal, each grade level from preschool through eighth is asked to bring food for the guests. The Parents Association, Alumni Council and Board of Trustees join the effort by covering the cost of the turkey. The Upper School Student Council provide the plates, cups, and cutlery, and members of the Sayre Culinary Club help with the desserts. Because the biggest need of many at this time of year is socks, students in the Upper School and members of the Sayre Philemon Society bring in new pairs of socks. Tay Henderson, Director of the Lighthouse, continues to be overwhelmed by the generosity of the Sayre students stating, "At this time of year, giving away socks is like giving away gold coins." This year, the Upper School collected over 1,625 pairs of socks. Nearly 500 donated to those who attended the Thanksgiving meal in the Buttery. The remaining socks were distributed to the Catholic Action Center, the Hope Center, the NEST, and the Room in the Inn.

On Friday, November 11, 2016, Sayre students along with their grandparents and special persons' gathered in the gymnasium for a program providing needed items for the Lighthouse Thanksgiving meal. The program, *A Place at the Table*, included Sayre student vocal and performances.

For more information or questions, please contact Barb Milosch, [bmilosch@sayreschool.org](mailto:bmilosch@sayreschool.org) or 859-244-2719.

#### ***Our Mission:***

***Sayre School provides an innovative and inclusive learning environment that empowers students to achieve academic excellence, embrace challenge, and cultivate integrity in order to lead purposeful lives in an ever-changing world.***