



Optimist Club Formed at Pierce Middle School

February 17, 2005, Waterford, Mich. - One of the largest community-service organizations, the Optimist Club, has a new home at Pierce Middle School. Involved students will work together to improve the Waterford community through Club efforts and by working with supporting agencies.

The Club will begin volunteering in the community at Canterbury Village, a senior assisted living complex. On February 26, students will participate in the Walk for Warmth at the Pontiac Silverdome, raising funds for families and individuals throughout Oakland County who are facing a heat shut-off notice or who have already had their heat turned off. On April 8, the Club is sponsoring a lock-in with a portion of the proceeds going to the Red Cross for Tsunami Relief.

The Club currently has 18 members and is planning on working with both Kettering and Mott High Schools to continue the club at those locations. Facilitators of the Optimist Club are Terry Kelly, Vickie Neubeck, and David LeDuc.

Optimist Members are united in their purpose of developing Optimism as a philosophy of life; inspiring respect for the law; promoting patriotism; working for international accord and friendship among all people. Optimists believe that in the giving of one's self in service to others, the well-being of man, his community, and the world will be advanced.

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