

## Tualatin Future Business Leaders hold Thanksgiving Food Drive for 25th Year

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Throughout the month of November, Tualatin High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter collected non-perishable foods and cash donations for families within the Tualatin Community. With the combined efforts of individual chapter members and local businesses, Tualatin FBLA was able to support ten families within the Tualatin Community during this Thanksgiving holiday.



service is a pillar of FBLA, I am so proud of both the officer team and the members who came together to support 10 needy families within our school.”

This is Tualatin FBLA's 25th year making Thanksgiving Baskets for families within the community, and the chapter hopes to continue and grow the tradition for years to come.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is the world's largest non-profit business-oriented organization. Members of FBLA participate in various community service initiatives and compete and are able to compete in a wide variety of business-related events at the regional, state, and national level.

To learn more about the Tualatin FBLA Chapter, please visit [www.tuhsfbla.com](http://www.tuhsfbla.com).

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After the month-long collection period on November 21st, FBLA members stayed after school to assemble the baskets. Five of the baskets created were traditional Thanksgiving baskets, while the other five were filled with non-traditional items. This is only the second year that the chapter has created non-traditional baskets in order to better fit the needs of the community. Both the traditional and non-traditional baskets were all given a gift card to a local grocery store to purchase a turkey and other perishable items. Sarah Hall, the chapter's community service officer, was instrumental in reaching out to local businesses who provided the monetary donations which were used to provide the gift cards for the families. “We are so grateful for the local businesses in our community who came together to help our chapter provide gift cards to families in need within our community,” says Sarah Hall.

The Thanksgiving Baskets are just one of the many community service initiatives Tualatin FBLA undertakes every year. Giving back to the community is one of the key aspects of the club, Tualatin FBLA's adviser Jim McCaffrey elaborates, “As community