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Meadowview Students Adopt Community Projects

Beta members of Meadowview Elementary School have "adopted" the Georgia Baptist Nursing Home on Panthersville Road in Decatur, developed a tutoring program and begun an emergency pantry.

During a recent ceremony at the nursing home the Betas reminded residents of their importance to society and thanked them for their contribution to America.

Secretary Sheree Mapp presented the certificate of adoption to the director, A. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, in his response to the students, thanked them for their willingness to be of service to the elderly in their community. He encouraged them to choose residents who will be their pals. The Betas took the names and birth dates of their pals.

The ceremony, attended by more than 20 residents and staff members, was conducted by sponsors Pauline Wright, Mary Jenkins and Tonya Brown, and students Asanti Allen, Kristie Brown, Sabrina Fortson, Sheree Mapp, Shaka Snipe, Crystal Williams and Amanda Woodruff.

SINCE UNEMPLOYMENT and loss of property through fire are

two of the major concerns in the nation today, the Junior Betas have prepared to help their community through an emergency food pantry and clothes closet.

They sponsored a food and clothes drive. Their enthusiasm was transferred to the students, staff and parents of Meadowview, who strongly supported the drive and made it a great success. The effort brought in hundreds of pieces of clothing and dozens of cans of food.

The Meadowview Betas plan to issue food and clothing to community members whenever there is a need.

The Betas involved in the tutoring project find time to tutor students before school begins in the morning and during their free time.

The program seems to be successful. One Beta member stated that her students have improved greatly and she is proud of their progress.

Twenty-three Beta members are involved in the peer tutoring project. Each one puts in four hours each week.