

## Queen of Angels Catholic School Rachel's Challenge in Action

After our participation in the Rachel's Challenge rally on 11-11-11 our school put the message of kindness and compassion into action with special projects for community outreach. These special service projects both individual classroom and school-wide projects are an ongoing part of our school curriculum.

Over the past month, our school community helped seven local organizations, with special collections of food, toys, coats, jeans, including hand-made blankets for cancer patients at Children's Health Care of Atlanta.

Please see the summary of our activities for November-December:

### **School Wide Advent Project:**

**Catholic Charities** - 85 children's coats collected and donated

**St. Vincent DePaul Society** - 50 adult coats, 105 jeans collected and donated

**Foster Care Support Foundation** - 12 assorted bags of books, toys, games, etc. assembled and delivered

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** School-Wide project supporting **North Fulton Community Charities**.

We collected **950 items for the makings of a Thanksgiving meal** consisting of canned vegetables, gravy, fruit and boxed potatoes and rice, pasta, stuffing, and biscuit mixes, flour, boxes of baked goods.

**First Grade Service Project:** Our students walked to St. George Village, a local retirement community, and worked with some residents and parent volunteers to make 63 "no-sew" blankets that will be delivered to **Foster Care Support Foundation, Drake House, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – AFLAC center, and Ronald McDonald House**.

**Kindergarten Service Project:** **Students made bandannas** using their handprints and a saying, "Angels are watching over you." for young cancer patients at **the Ronald McDonald House**. They made and **decorated cards and goodie bags** for siblings of patients. Students also collected small toys to include in the goodie bags.