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Critical Incident Journal

*Make A Difference: Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods*

All learning community members are expected to conduct their own Make A Difference project. The Honors learning community went trick-or-treating for canned goods to donate to ECHO Food Shelf on Halloween night. The week before, we went out with flyers to the neighborhood we planned to ask for donations. On Halloween night, split into groups and went door-to-door asking for food donations. At the end of the night, we collected a little over 700 pounds of food.

This experience pushed me out of my comfort zone. When going to doors, you were expected to advocate for your cause to strangers and I had never done anything like that since elementary school. I had to develop my leadership skills when deciding how our group of four would pair off and complete a street the fastest. Being able to work with other members of the learning community and give back to the Mankato community was a great experience and it is something that I would gladly do again.