

FATIMA High School

A Feinstein Leadership School

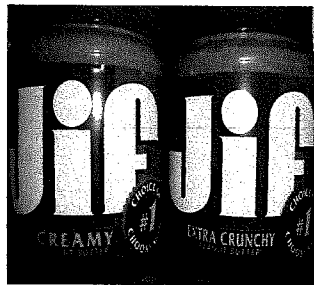
Helping to better the lives of others is the greatest of all achievements." Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein

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Feeding the Children

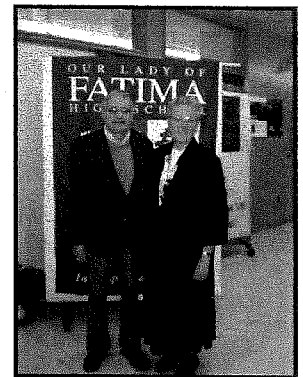
FATIMA High School's Spring Food Drive was held from March 1st to March 31st. In addition to the collection of regular non-perishable food items Fatima's Feinstein Scholars joined forces with the Rhode Island Food Bank and Washington Trust Company by participating in the PB Express. Washington Trust Company has



sponsored a PB Express — Peanut Butter Drive since 2001. Their motto is to **HELP FEED THE KIDS**. One out of six children in Rhode Island will go to bed

hungry at night. The PB Express has collected over 87 tons of peanut butter over the years.

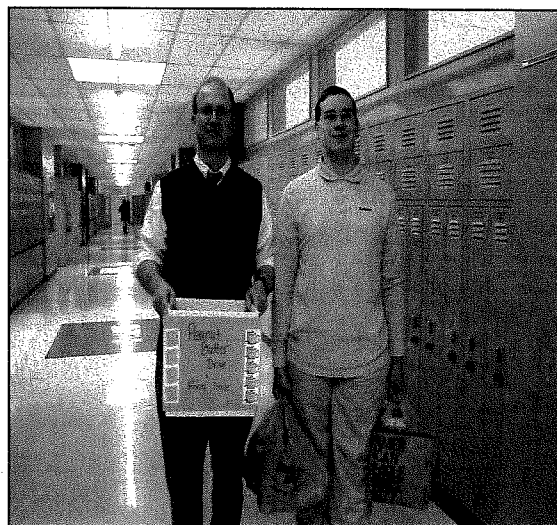
Why Peanut Butter? Peanut Butter is loved by adults and children and is expensive for families in need. Peanut butter is high in protein and other essential vitamins. One 12 ounce jar can make 16 sandwiches. (Continued on page 2)



Principal: Sr. Mary Margaret Souza, SSD
Coordinator: Sr. Lisa Palazzo, SSD

"As a Feinstein Leadership School we are committed to teaching our students to be caring for others."

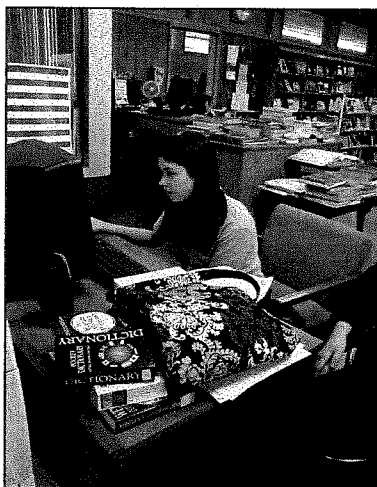
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Feinstein Scholar Megan Lawson '12 (left), teacher Mr. Lanctot and Feinstein Scholar John Lanctot, Jr. '13 (right) collecting the food drive boxes.

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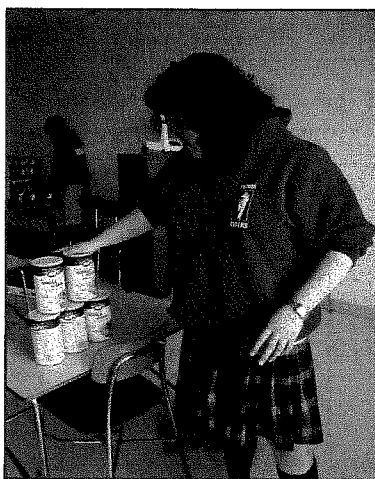
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Feinstein Scholar Nicole D'Andrea '14 gathering information for the collection.



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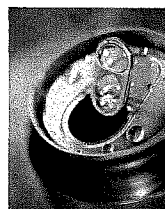
Feinstein Scholar Victoria Kosowski '12 helps to sort food items.

Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House has become one of the FATIMA Feinstein Scholars' favorite causes. The Ronald McDonald House, located in Providence, provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. They are a private, nonprofit organization supported by the extraordinary generosity of individuals, businesses, schools, and churches in our com-

"POP INTO THE SPIRIT AND HELP THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE."

John Lanctot, Jr. '13



munity.

A "Pop Tab" collection from aluminum cans is a suggested way to help the Ronald McDonald House. They are able to recycle the tabs and use the proceeds towards the operation of

the House.

FATIMA's Feinstein Scholars have held "Pop Tab" collections in the past during the months of January and February. Usually, they would collect close to 35,000 pop tabs. This year the Feinstein Scholars have decided to continue the "Pop Tab" collection until the end of the school year. They have already collected over 35,000 pop tabs!

Operation Rice Bowl

The annual Rice Bowl collection is a Lenten tradition at FATIMA High School. Passing the collection box around the classroom during religion classes gives the students the opportunity to participate in almsgiving.

The *Operation Rice*

Bowl collection supports the Catholic Relief Service's projects around the world as well as in Rhode Island's Diocese of Providence. Seventy-five percent of the contributions help families and communities overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty.

Twenty-five percent of the contributions remain in Rhode Island to support local hunger and in an effort to alleviate poverty.

Over the years, FATIMA has donated hundreds of dollars to the Catholic Relief Services.

Feeding the Children (continued from page 1)

FATIMA contributed 63 jars of Peanut Butter to the PB Express resulting in 1,008 ~~sand~~

wiches! In addition to the Peanut Butter, FATIMA also collected 146 ~~canned~~

and non-perishable food items for the Rhode Island Food Bank.

Causes of Poverty

Some of the Feinstein Scholars were asked to indicate what they felt were the top two causes of poverty. Their results are listed below.

Victoria Kosowski '12
 1. *Political unrest in poor countries.* 2. *Unenlightened policies of*

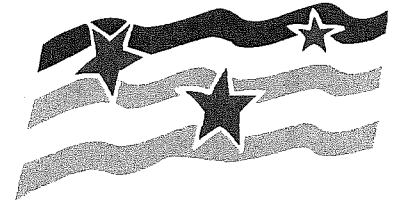
governments.

John Lanctot, Jr. '13
 1. *Lack of power among the poor; excess wealth and power in the hands of a few.* 2. *Apathy among the rich and powerful.*

Mitchell Brogan '11

1. *Overpopulation* 2. *Political unrest in poor countries.*

Megan Lawson '12
 1. *No job opportunities, or availability of only unstable, dead-end jobs.* 2. *Lack of realistic solutions to the problem.*



**A+ For America
 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

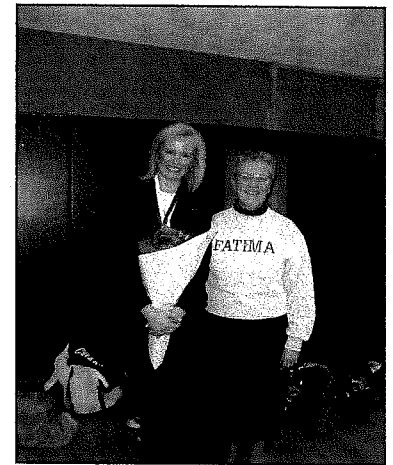
A+ For America Catholic Schools

The last week of January has officially been designated by the National Catholic Education Association as Catholic Schools Week. The 2011 theme was *A+ For America Catholic Schools*. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and strong moral values, Catholic schools make

a positive contribution to American society. *"Giving back to the community"* and *"Helping others"* are values instilled in every Catholic school student.

One of the many activities during the week was an awards ceremony honoring a FATIMA parent volunteer for her

dedicated service to the community and Catholic education. Mrs. Melfi received a medal for her time and effort in coaching FATIMA's Dance Team in dance routines as well as community service work at Hasbro Children's Hospital and the Women's Resource Center.



FATIMA recognizes Mrs. Melfi for her dedicated service to the community and FATIMA High School

Pennies for Patients

The FATIMA student body participated in the *Pennies for Patients* campaign during the month of January. The pennies collected were sent to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This money is used to help defray the medical costs for families with

children that suffer from cancer.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's School & Youth Programs give students an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. In the state of Rhode Island, 190

schools participated in the *Pennies for Patients* campaign this year.

FATIMA is happy to say that they collected \$384!

**MAKE CHANGE,
 BEAT CANCER.**



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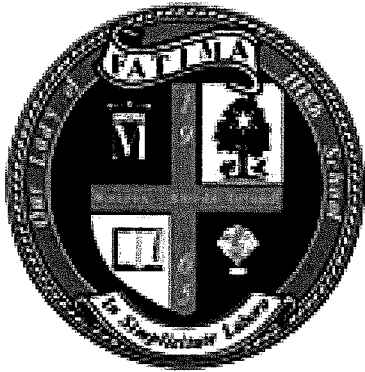
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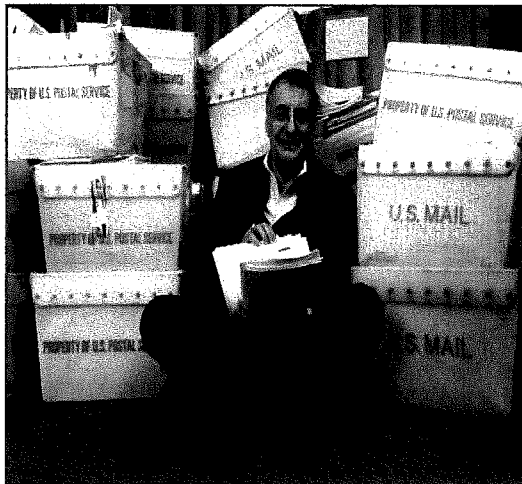
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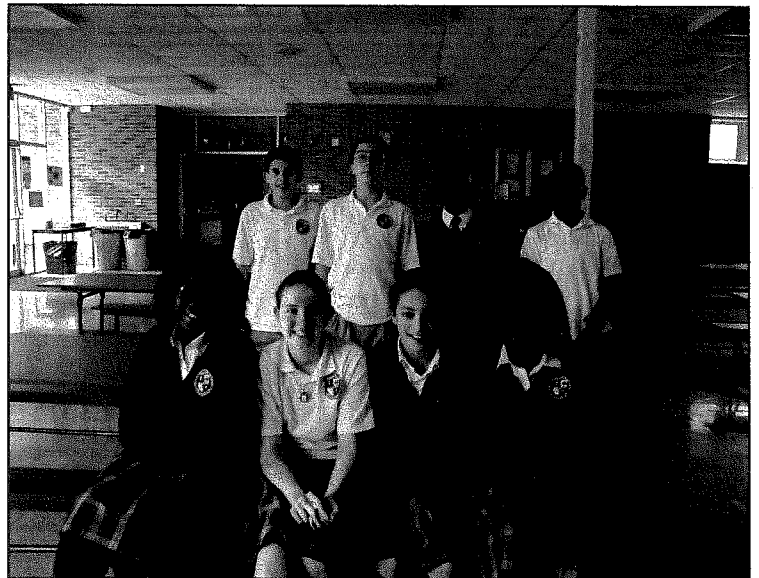
Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein.



Good Deeds

The Feinstein Scholars at FATIMA have been very busy doing a lot of good deeds. From January to June many of the students are wrapping up their required community service hours. The Middle School students are required to perform ten hours of community service. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors must participate in twenty hours of community service. The Seniors are obligated to do the twenty hours of community service and an internship.

FATIMA also performs good deeds as a student body. Some of the deeds completed since January include: collecting 209 food items for the Rhode Island Food Bank, making get well cards and gifts for a patient at Hasbro Children's Hospital, "adopting" cancer patients at Hasbro, collecting \$384 for *Pennies for Patients*, and showering a cancer patient with get well cards and gifts while the patient is undergoing chemotherapy.



Middle School Feinstein Jr. Scholars: Brandon Baro, Logan Montville, Clement Ojo, Amani Chambe, Christina Ojo, Michelle Lanctot, Ophelia Fernandes and Margret Ojo

Alan Shawn Feinstein is founder of the Feinstein Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to helping the needy and empowering students of all ages to help better their communities. The Feinstein annual campaign against hunger has become the most successful grass roots effort to fight hunger of all times. 40,000 plus Rhode Island Jr. Scholars and their teachers spearhead this campaign each spring.