

Lee College student groups collecting holiday donations for family, veterans in need

BAYTOWN, TX — As they wrap up the fall 2015 semester and prepare for winter break, students at Lee College are looking to spread the holiday spirit by collecting donations to help those in need in the local community.

Reaching Excellence Against Limitations (REAL), a new student organization that aims to educate and empower black males by enhancing their skills and creating positive change, has adopted a Baytown family for its inaugural Family First fundraising campaign — launched this year by group president, Runnin' Rebel Basketball player and Baytown native Javonte Cooper.

REAL is soliciting monetary donations that will be placed on a grocery store gift card and given to a single mother and her three children to ensure they can experience the full joy of a holiday meal, from shopping for ingredients to cooking and sharing quality time together. To make a donation on campus in room 233 of the Huddle Building or schedule a pick-up, contact adviser Jessica Falla at 281.425.6421 or jfalla@lee.edu.

Keeping in mind their promise as military service members to leave no one behind, the Student-Veterans of Lee College (SVLC) are accepting donations to be given to veterans in hospice care at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston. The group has decided to make helping and visiting veterans in hospice — estimated to total more than 1.5 million nationwide — a priority of their community outreach.

SVLC is looking for a wide variety of items, including travel-sized toiletries; reading materials and stationary; new and gently used clothing and hats for men and women; undergarments in unopened packages; socks; bedding; phone cards; and entertainment and leisure items like puzzles, board games, video games and DVDs. For more information about the items needed and how to donate, contact the Lee College Veterans Center at 832.556.4300.