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Orinda Academy Food Drive at Orindawoods a Huge Success

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Orinda Academy ninth graders, from left, Malaya Phelps, Virginia Clark, Yusra Khan, and Humah Sultani, display the food they gathered for Orinda Academy's food drive for the Contra Costa Food Bank. Photo provided

Ninth grade students at Orinda Academy collected over 40 bags of food during an October food drive at Orindawoods, a community of 258 residences neighboring the school. The food collected was donated to the Contra Costa Food Bank.

Students Malaya Phelps, Virginia Clark, Yusra Khan, and Humah Sultani participated in the food drive. All are members of Orinda Academy's community service club. Teachers Chris Booth and Elizabeth Martinez directed the project. To obtain donations, empty bags were placed at the doorsteps of Orindawoods residences with information about the drive.

"We are extremely appreciative and thank Orindawoods homeowners for their generosity. Our community benefits and grows stronger as a result of their actions," says Elizabeth Jurado, Spanish teacher and co-leader of the community action group at Orinda Academy.

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