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### **Pajama Day**

Warming the hearts of children every day, the students of St. Bartholomew's participated in donating over 750 pairs of pajamas to the Dyfus Foundation of New Jersey. This foundation helps and takes in children who are abused physically, mentally, and emotionally by an adult in their lives. Some of these children are taken out of their homes with only the clothes on their backs; they do not even have a clean pair of pajamas. Can you imagine not having a pair of warm pajamas to cuddle up with in bed? Our school participated in a huge act of kindness to help these unfortunate children. The teaching of Christ stresses acts of kindness and charity. This is exactly what the students of our school did. On a cold winter day, each student wore pajamas to school and brought in a new pair of pajamas in their own size to donate to the needy children. Although everyone was excited about not having to wear our uniforms that day, we were also a little sad because we were reminded of how these children, some our own age, had nothing: no homes, no money, and little clothing. We realized that we are very fortunate and blessed. We learned that we need to appreciate everyday and everything God has given us. We cannot take anyone or anything for granted. Jesus loved and accepted everyone the same way, not because of who they were or what they had or how they were treated. This act of kindness helped us understand that charity begins from the heart. The students realized that everyone can help. Everyone can make a difference, no matter how old they are. Even a pair of pajamas can help. A pair of warm pajamas can make a child who has been abused feel safe. A pair of pajamas can make an unhappy child smile. A pair of pajamas could make a lonely child feel loved. We realized on this day that it did not matter how big or small the act of kindness was, we had made a difference in someone's life. This day showed me that Jesus works in all of us.