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### *Tomah Student Creates A Leadership Project That Fills An Often Overlooked Need*

Aiden Santiago is a Senior at Tomah High School. He is also an active Scout in Tomah's Troop 5, and currently working on earning the ranking of Eagle Scout. The final step to earn this ranking, is for him to complete a leadership project. For his project, Aiden has chosen to organize a food drive, but not like ones you are used to seeing. He has set out to collect cake mixes, frosting, candles, disposable cake pans, party hats, and favors which will then be assembled by volunteers from the THS Honor Society, into Birthday Kits for the Neighbor to Neighbor Food pantry. Food pantries distribute all kinds of foods to those in need and often have holiday meal kits for Thanksgiving or Christmas. However, when we put together donations for food pantries in our communities, we most likely don't think about including items to help families celebrate birthdays!

Collection boxes have been set up in all the schools, as well as the district office, to help Aiden achieve his goal, and donations can be made until February 2nd.

