

## **SEM National Honor Society**

### ***The Pay It Forward Challenge***

In today's society, greed and gluttony has taken over selflessness and altruism. When was the last time you decided to do something out of good will and charity? It was far too long ago to remember, right? Well here's your chance!

The Pay It Forward Challenge is an opportunity for you to give back to your community and make a difference in the lives of others. Ten dollars can get you quite far. Ten McDoubles. Twenty bags of Hot Cheetos. Thirty cookies. Well, how far do you think ten dollars will go into making a lasting impact in the lives of the homeless, foster children, or even the students and faculty of SEM?

With your initial start-up cost donation of just ten dollars, we challenge you to make the most of it to improve our community in your own unique stance. You will have two months to complete your project. Get together with a group of other challengers to form a team and maximize your potential!

Here are just a few examples of what other students around the world have done:

- A group of sophomores put their money together to buy drinks at a local café. They then sold the drinks at a church for double the price. They turned \$100 into over \$200. With the \$200, they checked the Christmas wish list of a local children's shelter and purchased everything and more for the children at the shelter, providing the children with a joyous Christmas.
- Two girls spent their money on making flower decorations and garlands for the elderly at a local retirement home, brightening their day.
- A group of students wrote inspiring messages and compliments on sticky notes and posted them around their high school campus.
- A group of girls baked cupcakes, cookies, and brownies with their money and gave them to the faculty at their high school as well as local firefighters to show their appreciation and gratitude.

Challengers will be responsible for:

- Providing the initial start-up cost of ten dollars
- Accounting for how they spent the money
- Presenting their project to the NHS group
- Creating a short PowerPoint presentation to share at an evening gathering
- Reflecting upon their personal experience

**We, the SEM National Honor Society, challenge you to make a difference in our community by showing us what you can do with just ten dollars. Do you accept the challenge?**

Challengers will receive eight hours of community service for completing their project as well as a boost of moral, goodwill, and the lasting footprint of their contributions of improving the community.

*The Pay It Forward Challenge was adapted from Mrs. Olguin, NHS Sponsor of CMHS.*

