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Terry Campus Upward Bound Succeeds in Canned Food Drive

DOVER- Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus Upward Bound students collected over 300 canned goods and other non-perishable items during a recent food drive.

“We like to teach the students to give back to their community,” Tina Purnell, Terry Campus enrichment coordinator, said. Sixty-six students from six Kent County high schools involved in the Upward Bound program encouraged their friends and family to donate.

All donations will go to The Shepherd Place in Dover. The Shepherd Place is a non-profit organization that provides temporary shelter for the homeless and helps them overcome poverty and chronic homelessness.

Upward Bound is a federally funded program that serves first-generation college-bound students. Its purpose is to help the students overcome certain barriers that would ordinarily prevent them from attending a four-year postsecondary institution. Its purpose is to provide students with college planning resources, motivation and the necessary academic and cultural enrichment to prepare for college success.

“We try to do at least three community service projects in a school year,” Purnell said. In August Upward Bound students collected money to fill backpacks with school

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supplies and then gave them out to students in Kent County as a part of the Adopt-a-Student program. The next community service project will have the students sponsoring and organizing an Easter egg hunt for S. Lowan Pitts Day Care in Dover.

To find out more about the Upward Bound program at Terry Campus visit www.dtcc.edu/terry/ and look under Corporate and Community Programs for Youth Programs.

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