



WCCS diaper drive assists local families

The WCCS SGA and ambassadors recently completed their annual community service project, “Diaper Drive for Babies.”

The diaper drive began in November and in January the students delivered 4,000 disposable diapers and 1,136 wipes to the Dallas County Health Department.

Priscilla Mitchell, wife of WCCS president James Mitchell, introduced the idea of the diaper drive because she was inspired by a similar effort she read about in a newspaper that distributed over 100,000 diapers in two years.

“It’s just been a vision of mine to do something like that here in Selma-Dallas County,” Mitchell said. “I decided to come to the college and approach the SGA advisor as well as the advisor for the ambassadors to see if it would be a project that they could get their student groups involved in.”

Mitchell has worked with the DCHD off-and-on for the last year or so, and has seen the endless need for more diapers.

“We do have a lot of families who are in need of diapers,” she said. “Sometimes they have to make a decision as to whether or not they’re going to purchase diapers or some other needed item, such as food and what not.”

Keeping up with diapers can be a real strain. Parents need to have enough diapers at home and provide their own if their child is enrolled in a daycare. Babies have to be changed a minimum of eight times a day, so that they don’t get diaper rash and other types of conditions that are uncomfortable for them, according to Mitchell.