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Alexis McCarthy (from left), Emily Mulcahy, Sarah Faiola, Zachary Casey, Dennis Sewchuk, Carolyn Nerney, Joseph Cataldo and Sadie Hughes of Tiogue Elementary School in Coventry show off some of the goods they collected during a recent food drive.

Tiogue food drive resounding success

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COVENTRY — Tiogue Elementary School in Coventry participated in a food drive for the whole month of October.

School nurse Shirley Hall said the fifth graders at Tiogue would file around classrooms everyday picking up canned food and non-perishable items. She said students from the whole school would bring the food.

"It's been a lot of fun," said fifth grader Nichole

Bouchard. "We got to use carts from the janitor to pick up our food and then we went around to our assigned rooms and put it in the cart for the food bank."

Hall said they collect the food in conjunction with Alan Shawn Feinstein's efforts to collect food for the needy.

In a letter to local schools, Feinstein told schools that he would donate \$1 per item (up to \$500) for every item collected during the month of October. Tiogue School collected 1,446 food items.

Hall said they were donating the items to the

Coventry Food Bank. She said the students were excited when Feinstein came to the school and announced the final amount.

"We've always done food drives," she said "But this is the first time that we've done this one."

Principal Denise Richtarik added that the money will be used in the materials budget and wherever it was needed.

Hall added that they are now collecting food for people in need of supplies for Thanksgiving dinner.