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Students help with Lions Club dinner

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SAPULPA — More than 20 students from the Oklahoma School for the Blind made the trip from Muskogee on Thursday to help the Sapulpa Lions Club with its annual bean and chili dinner.

Faye Miller, a teacher at the school, said faculty and students first agreed to help with the annual dinner five or six years ago and have come back

every year since.

They see it as a way to help a loyal donor to the school, she said.

“To pay them back because they help our students and the school.”

Students from grades seven through 12 helped serve food, clear dishes and refill drinks Thursday afternoon during the dinner at First Baptist Church.

Wayne Neal, treasurer of the Sapulpa Lions Club, said some of the students are shy at first

but quickly get into the role.

“We just couldn’t get it done without them,” he said.

The Lions have been putting on the dinner for about 50 years, and everybody enjoys working with the students, Neal said.

“They do a fabulous job.”

Richelle Zampella, 14, was in her second year helping serve at the dinner.

“I like to help raise money for good causes,” she said.

Zampella tells students

helping for the first time to have fun and understand that it’s easier than they worry it might be.

“It feels really good to give back,” she said.

Isaiah Hayes, 17, said he has served for a few years and always looks forward to coming back.

“It’s always good to help people,” he said.

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