

SMHS STUDENTS DISCOVER REALITIES OF FOSTER SYSTEM

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Staff Report

San Marcos High School students are creating awareness of the needs of foster youth, and their work is not only affecting fellow students but is also spreading to the larger community.

English teacher and foster parent Frank Koroshec started the Resource Family Association Student Support Team (RFASST) in fall 2015 at the school to support local resource families (foster families) and foster youth.

“RFASST aims to care for and support foster youth, increase retention of foster parents through dedicated support to resource families, educate students about the needs of the community, while increasing empathy and encouraging students to become future resource parents themselves,” Koroshec said.

RFASST has opened many students’ eyes to the harsh reality that faces many foster youth. As a result, many of these students are making foster work their lifelong careers or thinking about becoming foster parents later in life.

One of those is Emma Habecker.

“I am forever thankful for Mr. Koroshec’s class and RFASST. I am now going to Boulder to study sociology and hopefully enter a career working with foster children,” Emma said.

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