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Mike Hendrix on the piano and Carol Quinn lead a singing of holiday songs with exceptional children from Davie County Schools and members of the Bermuda Run Garden Club.

Exceptional Children Enjoy Thanksgiving Feast At Bermuda Run

The Bermuda Run Garden Club and the Exceptional Children of Davie County didn't walk away from the table feeling stuffed like a Butterball.

They saved room for hugs, holiday songs, and cards of appreciation as 146 children and adults celebrated the fourth annual Thanksgiving luncheon at the Bermuda Run Country Club.

Holiday music filled the air by pianist Mike Hendrix. Adults and children sang favorites including "The 12 Days of Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Gifts of appreciation were presented to club members by students from each school. Presents included colorful handmade turkey cards, a paper leaf tree, poems, posters and banners with sentiments of thanks.

Director of Exceptional Children, Elizabeth Phillips and Executive Director of Davie County Schools, Nowell Grady Smith joined the celebration along with Bermuda Run Mayor Ken Rethmeier and president of the Bermuda Run Country Club Advisory Board, Bill Martin.

The kitchen staff under direction of Chef Eric prepared six hams, nine pans of vegetables, seven pans

of potatoes and cranberries to make the luncheon a success.

Club president Carol Quinn and Chair Shelby Nichols welcomed all with holiday messages. Everyone joined in with Nichols as she delivered the invocation.

The children lined up to fill their plates with ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn, deviled eggs, and rolls. Nichols and her team JoAnn Mintz, Kathy Watson and Jane Hilton were servers. Even the mayor rolled up his sleeves to help.

Cakes and beverages of iced tea, milk and water were served by the club's wait staff under the direction of James Crawford and Lucy Gidley.

The children posed for pictures with the mayor, club members and teachers.

Club members Nancy Cregan, Lynn Marcellino and Donna DuToit served the children as they went for seconds. The garden club created the festive theme throughout the dining room.

"Goodbyes, hugs, handshakes and smiles given with God's blessing hoping to meet again next year. Same time same place," said Diane Burke. "After all, there is more than just turkey to a great Thanksgiving celebration."



Children and their chaperones fill the dining hall at Bermuda Run.



Donna DuToit and Carol Quinn make sure everyone has plenty of vegetables.



Students walk into the entrance of the country club.



Noel Grady-Smith, Mayor Ken Rethmeier and event organizer Shelby Nichols with students.



Club member Lynn Marcellino visits with students.



Kathy Watson and Alice Bostian accept a large thank-you card.



South Davie Middle School students let their feelings be known with a large banner.