

PNC presents KinderCones to Pine students

From Staff Reports
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This is the second con-
secutive year PNC or-
ganizations have made
the donations. The cones
were packed with a draw-
string school bag contain-
ing necessary school sup-
plies, along with some
selected toys and treats.
PNC students and repre-
sentatives of the donat-
ing organizations visited
Pine to deliver the cones.

The KinderCone is a
200-year-old German tra-
dition of providing new
students in kindergarten

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lecturer of social work,
took on the project after
research by club mem-
bers found that students
who have all their school
supplies at the beginning
of the year have a better
academic success rate
than those without them.

Peiffer applied for, and
received, a Community
Service Mini-Grant from
Indiana Campus Com-
pact to fund the project.
"The KinderCones pro-
ject has allowed us, as a

club and future social
workers, to get beyond
the theoretical world of
textbooks and classrooms
and have a significant
and positive impact in
the real world with real
people," Peiffer said in a
news release.

Other PNC organiza-
tions joined the effort.
The Purdue North Cen-
tral Women's Association
with its president, Maria
Watson, and Laura Weav-

er, Service Learning coor-
dinator, helped provide
additional donations of
school supplies.
Weaver helped the So-
cial Work students with
the grant application
and was instrumental in
bringing all the groups
together.

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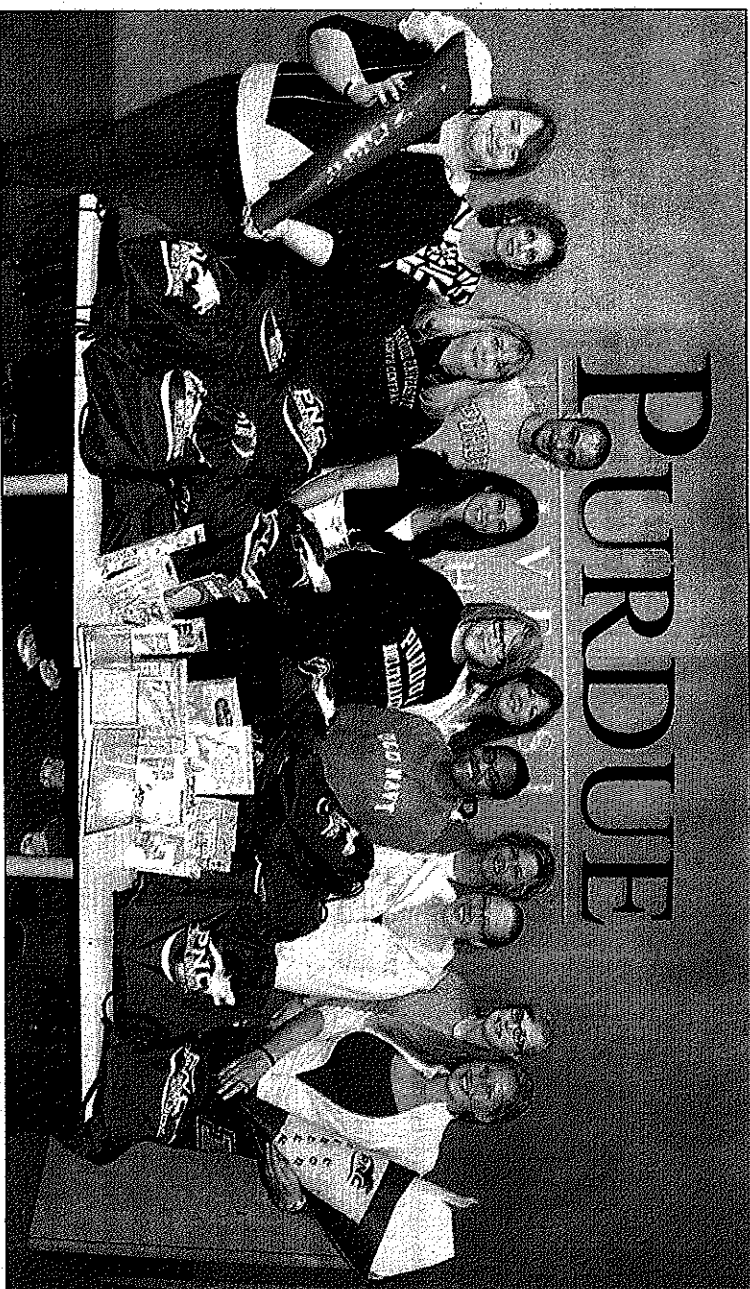


Photo provided
Pictured are Bethany Hershman (from left), PNC Social Work Club president, Maria Watson, Purdue North Central Women's Association president, Angel Koilivas, Social Work Club treasurer, Christopher Peiffer, Social Work Club vice president, Nicki McKay, Social Work Club member, Laura Weaver, Service Learning coordinator, Lori Radtke, Social Work Club advisor, Kendra White, Social Work Club member, Amy Boren, Alyssa Pierce and Laura Wastra of Purdue Learning About Young Children in Education, and Alexis Lange, Chancellor's Leadership Society.

Leadership of Mary Jane
Eisenhauer, assistant
professor of early child-
hood education, a club
advisor, and student Amy
Boren, as well as Kappa
Delta Pi with Deb Pratt,
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