Project aids in hurricane relief

Tutors from the College of Education’s Project HEART tutors help elementary students at Sam Bundy Elementary School in Farmville raised $2,500 for hurricane victims.

The tutors took a leadership role in organizing a schoolwide “jar wars.” Working with students, teachers, parents and administrators, the effort raised money directly for Sabine Pass school district in Sabine Pass, Texas.

The single-school district has one facility that serves all students in grades K-12. Already ravaged by the effects of Hurricane Katrina, this area received a second blow when Hurricane Rita made landfall near the small community.

The school’s gymnasium auditorium and roof sustained damage. Students were out of school for a month.

On Nov. 8, from the house floor, Congressman Ted Poe of Texas stated the students were “wonderful examples of Americanism and volunteerism.”

Poe recognized “there was no red tape, no Federal bureaucracy, just a bunch of kids in a small town in North Carolina that wanted to help some other kids in Texas.”