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The JROTC program at East Surry High School took 25 freshman cadets to the Pilot Mountain Outreach Center on December 19, 2018, to assist with organizing and rotating stock. The JROTC at East Surry has been volunteering at Pilot Mountain Outreach since the 2013-2014 school year. The annual field trip serves as a service learning project for the cadets and also becomes a part of their graduation portfolios.

Mr. Jimmy Caparolie, a founder of the Pilot Mountain Outreach Center, a division of S.E.A.M.S. Ministries, Inc., states, “We depend on volunteers for the Thrift Shop and the Food Pantry. This includes the East Surry Army JROTC. As young, strong people, they are able to help us with many tasks that are challenging to our regular volunteers, most of whom are older and physically less able.” Furthermore, “The East Surry JROTC is professional, well mannered, efficient, and eager to satisfy whatever needs we have. First Sergeant Montgomery ensures they perform to a high standard,” Mr. Caparolie noted.

“The Pilot Mountain Outreach Food Pantry had assisted 80 families each month with food as of the end of 2018, and in the past 10 years, nearly 40,000 people have been helped. The Thrift Shop offers low-cost clothing, household goods, and other items to families in need,” shared founders, Jimmy and Karen Caparolie.

First Sergeant Ronald Montgomery, stated, “I am proud of our cadets for volunteering at the Pilot Mountain Outreach Center. Mr. and Mrs. Caparolie are always very appreciative, and it is beneficial for cadets to see that their service is benefitting our community and those in need.” For more information about the JROTC program at East Surry High School, contact First Sergeant Ronald Montgomery at 336-368-2251.



