

Community Service Projects >

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School

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North Carolina

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Non-Profit being helped

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Can non-profit provide 501c3 certificate?

Yes

Describe your team's community service project. Who did it help and how?

The members of our cross country teams came together with a shared goal: to make a meaningful difference in the lives of families in our local community. Recognizing that access to a warm, nutritious meal is something many of us may take for granted, our athletes chose to support families experiencing homelessness by preparing and serving a meal at Hesed House in Lincolnton.

The project began with our athletes working together at school to prepare a complete meal. The teams prepared spaghetti and salad, along with a variety of desserts to provide families with a comforting and enjoyable meal. Preparing the food required cooperation, organization, responsibility, and a willingness to work together toward a common purpose. Our athletes took ownership of each part of the process, from preparing the food to packaging and transporting the meal.

Once the meal was prepared, the team traveled to Hesed House, where our athletes had the opportunity to personally serve the meal to families in need. This experience allowed our students to move beyond simply donating food and instead connect directly with members of our community. They were able to see firsthand how a small act of kindness and service can have a meaningful impact on others.

Why did you pick this project?

For our athletes, this project was about much more than preparing a meal. It provided an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, compassion, teamwork, and a commitment to serving others. They learned that being part of a team extends beyond athletics and that their actions can positively influence the community around them.

This experience also reinforced the importance of giving back. Our athletes were proud to use their time and talents to help others, and they left the experience with a greater appreciation for the importance of community support. By preparing, delivering, and serving a meal at Hesed House, our cross country teams were able to turn teamwork on the field into teamwork in service to our community.

How many students are on your team, and how many participated in the service project?

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Service Project Photo 1

Service Project Photo 2