

Meals on Wheels

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As coordinator for student service at Franklin High School for the last seven years, my students and I have been able to develop and become involved in various projects and activities. One project that continues to bring the community, parents, students and teachers together is our Meals on Wheels route. The route exists through the mutual efforts of parent drivers and students who deliver the meals daily. The students willingly meet this community need by providing meals to homebound seniors.

A volunteer from Central Meals on Wheels works closely with the students at Franklin High School. Preparation activities include lecture, film viewing, open discussion and form completion. The reflection, in the format of an ice cream social, involves large group and small group discussions and completion of reflection forms.

Student volunteers run the route. They make all schedules, maintain the daily rosters, and complete the needed forms for approximately 150 student volunteers to participate in this daily activity.

For the last seven years, the Franklin High School - Meals on Wheels Route has been a wonderful partnership. Many students continue to volunteer on holidays and summer vacations.

Each project and activity developed at Franklin High School has been developed through joint efforts between a community need, parents, teachers, and students. Once a community need has been determined, the students have, and continue to find, creative and compassionate ways to meet it.