

**Project Name:
Helping the Homeless**

Community Partners: Churches United for the Homeless
School/Youth Serving Agency: George Washington Elementary- Moorhead

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Project Goals: To create a public service announcement highlighting the recreation opportunities at the park by the Hjemkomst Center

Grade/Age of Students: 4th graders and 5th graders
Number of Students: 27

Project Timeline: 2 months

Description of Project:

Students learned facts about homeless shelters as well as nutrition information (what makes a healthy meal) and statistics about homelessness. We then went to Churches United for the Homeless and helped out in various areas: serving lunch, cleaning toys, folding clothes, sorting food donations. Students also held a drive for hygiene products at our school to donate to the shelter.

Reflection:

A very humbling and eye opening experience for my students. A great way to teach students about homelessness as well as empathy for others.

Subject Area(s), Standard(s), and Skills Addressed:

We used this project as a link to math with our data collection of homeless facts and figures and graphing the information we found in many different ways. We also tied it to writing with writing about our experience using the trait of voice.

Resources needed and how they were provided:

We needed to visit the site. The class was transported by bus. We also needed agency (Churches United) to help us with the sites for data collection and introduction to the shelter.