

Food for Families rolls into Gresham

Students learn what it takes to create and manage a nonprofit



Centennial High School helped improve food access for people in their community.



For most people, hands-on learning cements the skills they've been taught in a classroom. Centennial High School business teacher Adriann Hardin took her students a step further by challenging them to set up a nonprofit from scratch. Under her guidance, they partnered with their school district and Oregon Food Bank to transform a retired school bus into a mobile pantry.

Students developed a business plan, researched and filed required paperwork, and planned logistics. They also learned about fundraising and marketing to build awareness of the program. "While they were all graded on their roles in the project, I really wanted them to develop compassion for others, understand community and experience the satisfaction that comes with making a difference," said Hardin.

Located in Gresham, approximately 73% of Centennial School District's students qualify for free or reduced meals. The pantry has opened four times since July, and while there are some big challenges, Hardin says it has been a great learning experience all around. Your investment keeps food flowing to innovative programs like Food for Families and many more. 🌱



You can spread joy this holiday season

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