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### **Parkview Middle School Students to Prepare and Serve Meals for Freedom House Residents**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – May 27, 2014** – Ashwaubenon students in Steve Mellberg’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Parkview Middle School have an opportunity to give back to the community by preparing and serving meals for Freedom House residents. On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the students who decide to take part in this volunteer activity will prepare meals in Parkview’s kitchen, and then be transported to Freedom House where they will serve those meals during the homeless center’s three dinner services. Meal preparation will begin at 3:00PM at Parkview, which is located at 955 Willard Drive. The dinner services at Freedom House, 2997 St Anthony Drive, take place at 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30PM.

According to Mr. Mellberg, “Before becoming a teacher, I spent several years in the restaurant business. When I owned my restaurant, I used to coordinate bringing catered dinners to the Freedom House of Green Bay every Thursday. Serving the meals was very fulfilling to me personally, and so I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity for Parkview students to experience.”

Freedom House’s purpose is to serve Brown County area families who find themselves in dire need of emergency housing. Their program involves a step-by-step action plan individualized for each family aimed at obtaining permanent housing and employment, and restoring the family unit. Freedom House, in compassion, provides for the short-term needs of homeless families and children, and in love, empowers these families with long-term solutions to end their cycle of homelessness. The result is a positive and beneficial environment that encourages families to live more productive, healthy and fulfilling lives. Currently there are six families at Freedom House with eight adults and sixteen children. Another 50 families with 106 kids are on their waiting list.

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