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West-MEC donates Thanksgiving meals for 92 families through Homeless Youth Connection

Glendale, Ariz. (December, 2021)-- Students and staff at West-MEC, a career and technical education school district in the West Valley, collected 92 food baskets for homeless youth and their families for Thanksgiving.

Homeless Youth Connection (HYC), an Arizona nonprofit, held a Thanksgiving turkey basket drive to provide a sumptuous meal for homeless youth and their families. Students from West-MEC's Northwest and Southwest campuses collected food all through November and donated a total of 92 baskets. Each basket included a frozen turkey, cans of green beans, pie and other Thanksgiving staples.

According to HYC, each basket feeds a family of 6-8 people. Homeless youth enrolled in the HYC program through their school received the baskets in time for the holiday.

Dana Bailey, the Chief Operating Officer at HYC said, "We rely on our entire community to help youth that are experiencing homelessness and we have a lot of businesses and organizations that will help. But the piece that warms my heart the most is when youth in the community recognize that their peers are having a difficult time and they chip in and they want to make a difference."

HYC provides supports to youth facing homelessness so that they can thrive and complete high school. Bailey said, "There is nothing more powerful than young people recognizing that there is a need in the community and doing something to make a difference."

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,876 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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