

# Planning for Service Learning: *Example*

## *Elementary, Hunger and Homelessness*

Grade level: 2

### CONTENT—LEARNING ABOUT:

- People who help others in the past and present
- Nutrition
- Issues of hunger and homelessness

### SERVICE IDEA: Food for All

Participate by providing direct assistance to a local agency that helps give food or meals to people in need by providing canned food and helping to make and serve a meal.

**PREPARATION:** Read and discuss books, interview people who volunteer at the food bank and community meals program, lessons on nutrition, food sorting and reading labels, visit food bank and meals program.

**ACTION:** Collect, sort, and deliver food to the food bank; help assemble sandwiches and bag lunches.

**REFLECTION:** Art activities to draw and write about feelings and thoughts from the experiences.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Performed the book *The Can-Do Thanksgiving* to teach other classes about helping.

**YOUTH VOICE and CHOICE:** Selected book to perform, helped create lunch bag menus based on nutrition studies, and chose to decorate sandwich bags.

**NOTES:** Parents helped with projects, including making contact to bring in agency staff to be interviewed, being chaperones on field trips, and assisting with the play production.

### CURRICULAR CONNECTIONS:

- 📖 *English/Language Arts:* Read books, create a play to teach others about providing assistance, interviewing skills
- 📖 *Social Studies/History:* Study of orphan trains, learn about the role of social service agencies, meet and interview people who make contributions to the community
- 📖 *Mathematics:* Sort canned foods, keep records of quantities and types of foods
- 📖 *Science:* Study nutrition, read food labels
- 📖 *Languages:* Learn the names of foods in Spanish
- 📖 *Art and Music:* Make props for the play
- 📖 *Other:* Computer skills developed to create flyers for children to take home about the food drive

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT:

- Asking questions
- Critical thinking
- Sorting and classifying
- Reading comprehension

### BOOKS:

*A Train to Somewhere*

*Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen*

*The Can-Do Thanksgiving*

### COMMUNITY CONTACTS:

Westside Food Bank

Turning Points Shelter

CHPHP: Children Helping Poor and Homeless People

SOVA Food Pantry (for their elementary curriculum on hunger awareness)