

The 4th Graders at **Elm Tree Elementary School** recently packed meals with The Pack Shack. Here's what they had to say about their experience...



What we did during The Pack Shack was go to a station and pick a food item to pour into a bag that then went to the heat sealing station where they sealed it. I felt like I was helping a lot by providing food and having fun...

BRADEN



We got to help put different things into a bag and other people got to zip up the bags and others got to put the bags into boxes and then the people that worked for The Pack Shack got to give the food to people that didn't have a lot to eat. And we also got to hear a gong...we also had to wear hair nets. I thought this was very fun to do with my friends!

EMMA



ALLISON

The Pack Shack is a helpful and fun way to help others in our community. I think all the people that can't afford food will really enjoy the food all forth grade packed for them. I would always do The Pack Shack rather than a Christmas party or a Halloween party. Everyone who was there— even the helpers—had an amazing and fun time. At first I had no idea of what we were going to do but by the end of it I knew it was the coolest thing ever. Everyone that was there had a great time and I hope to help people again some time.

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hungry for more.

It is easy to buy into the myth of "kids these days" being too wrapped up in themselves. The reality is, though, that children love to dive into a cause. If they feel that they can have a direct impact on the world, then there is no goal too high for them to reach. To watch our 4th grade students willingly and happily sacrifice the personal gain and celebration of a holiday party to work hard to help others was not something that surprised me – but it did make me proud. The impact on the school is immeasurable, but evident in the ripples that spread out from the day. These children made the world a better, safer place for their own neighbors and even their own classmates. They learned that a small amount of sacrifice and a lot of hands working on the same goal can produce amazing results. They saw that their contribution to addressing problems as big as hunger and need, even as children...especially as children... is significant. Knowing these students, it only made them