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## PACE Partnerships: Littleton's Transition Program Students Give Back



*Littleton PACE Participants Andre McQuade, left, and Kyle Musomba create blankets to be donated to families in need through Deb's Beds. (Photo Courtesy Littleton Public Schools)*

LITTLETON — Superintendent Kelly Clenchy would like to share that Littleton students in the District's Personalized Academic and Comprehensive Education (PACE) program have been participating in many vocational opportunities this year, including volunteering their time to local charitable organizations.

Students have made fleece blankets for Deb's Beds, a non-profit organization that builds beds and donates bedding for families in the Middlesex County area.

PACE students also help by cleaning the Littleton Community Recreation Center and Town Offices, and assist the conservation commission by helping keep local parks and trails beautiful.

Once a month students volunteer at The Wish Project in Chelmsford, which is a nonprofit that supplies families in need with clothing, basic home goods, and baby goods. Students assist in sorting and assembling donations that will be going to local families.

Kyle Musomba, who is working on his cake decorating and baking skills, combined his passion with community service by baking different desserts each week for the town's Neighborhood Suppers, which are sponsored by various local churches including the Congregational Church of Littleton, First Baptist Church of Littleton, First Church Unitarian, Blessed Trinity Parish-St. Anne's Catholic, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. These suppers are typically for people in financial need or seeking companionship.

"We always look forward to and appreciate the baked treats that the LHS Transition Students prepare for the Littleton Neighborhood Supper," said Ministry Leader Maggie Spalding of the Blessed Trinity Parish Neighborhood Supper. "The delicious desserts are a great addition to our Tuesday evening meals and our guests really enjoy them."

"Our Transition students put so much effort into their volunteer work at each organization. They love to see the smiles their help brings to people in our tight-knit community," said Transition Program Coordinator Catherine Johnson. "Not only do these volunteer opportunities allow them to build upon their vocational skills but they make lasting connections with community members and really make a difference."

*The PACE Partnerships series features stories surrounding the community partnerships of Littleton's Transition Program, in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.*

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*Kyle Musomba combined his passion for baking with community service by making different desserts each week for the town's Neighborhood Suppers. (Photo Courtesy Littleton Public Schools)*



*Andre McQuade works on a blanket to be donated to Deb's Beds. (Photo Courtesy Littleton Public Schools)*



*Kyle Musomba helps to sort and assemble donations that will be going to local families during one of the PACE Program's monthly visits to The Wish Project in Chelmsford. (Photo Courtesy Littleton Public Schools)*

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