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Two Centennial Students Lean on Student Body to Help Pack 75,000 Meals for Children in Need

January 29, 2015 (Circle Pines, MN)— **Makenzie Hart** and **Ryan Meany**, seniors at Centennial High School, are leading the initiative to pack 75,000 meals throughout the school day today for children in developing countries. The two students will enlist the help of more than 360 volunteers—Centennial High School students from Peer Leadership, National Honor Society, Student Council, STRIVE, AVID and the Senior Class Committee and staff—to meet the goal of the FMSC MobilePack™ event held at Centennial High School, 4709 North Road in Circle Pines, Minn.

The project would not be possible without the generous support of the Centennial community. Hart and Meany took on the food packing as their National Honor Society Senior Project and raised \$16,283 from 14 companies and individuals to launch the initiative at the school.

“We are grateful to the Centennial communities for this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others,” said Hart. “We took on this challenge because disease is running higher than ever in third world countries. Dollars from our community is making an impact worldwide,” she added.

“Two seniors last year rallied students to pack 55,000 meals,” said Meany. “We saw the impact that experience made on students and to children in developing countries so we wanted to do more this year,” he added.

“This is another great example of how caring our students are here at Centennial and of their desire to make an impact,” said **Tom Breuning, Principal, Centennial High School**. “It’s also a great example of our communities’ support and connection to the students,” he added.

About Feed My Starving Children

A Christian non-profit founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children tackles world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to more than 70 countries, where they’re used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty. Last year, FMSC welcomed nearly 800,000 volunteers to pack more than 191.6 million meals. The Minnesota-based charity spends 92% of total donations directly on feeding the hungry and has earned the highest four-star rating from Charity Navigator for nine consecutive years.

About FMSC MobilePack™

MobilePack events enable children and adults across the United States to pack FMSC's life-giving MannaPack™ meals. Churches, businesses, community groups and schools in more than 30 states have hosted these food-packing events as a way to foster teamwork and unity, while making a real difference in the problem of hunger. FMSC provides guidance and logistics. Local donors and volunteers provide funds and labor to produce the meals.

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