Capstone for Summer 2025 (online) - Million Meal Movement

<u>Million Meal Movement</u>, a nonprofit organization in Indianapolis, is dedicated to feeding the hungry in Indiana and teaching the importance of community service to youth and beyond through hands-on, high-energy meal-packing events. Since their founding in 2007, their community of volunteers has packed over 36 million meals to feed families throughout Indiana and the region.

They work extensively with K -12 schools and universities throughout the state. They believe volunteering is critical to community development, so they make it a priority to educate youth about the importance of serving their communities and the difference one individual can make. They are eager to better understand the dynamics of youth volunteer engagement, the long-term impact of their programs on students, and how they can optimize our operations to increase their effectiveness and outreach.

Students will work in groups to achieve the following:

1. Identify strategies for sustaining volunteer involvement and understanding the motivations behind volunteer participation.

2. Analyze the impact of the meal packaging events on the communities served

3. Analyze the social impact of the meal packaging events on the students involved

4. Identify strategies for optimization of their operations to increase their effectiveness and outreach

*Zoom meetings for summer capstone (all at 7:00pm):

- May 12th
- June 9th
- June 30th
- July 21st
- July 28th