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## HOW DID IT START?

**PeaceJam** is a service learning and volunteering club in our school. Every year, we arrange a project to help refugees, homeless people, poor children etc. This year, we wanted to work on food waste on our campus dining hall. We observed that on some specific days the students prefer not to eat at the dining hall. As a result, there are several portions of food which remain unconsumed. Even though we desired to do something for it, we did not know how to take action. Fortunately, the Greek organization "Boroume", which brings in contact people who want to provide food to people who need it, delivered a speech to our school in order to inform us about their work. We had a meeting with them where we discussed the actions we have to take, shared information about food waste on campus, and decided where to share the food portions.

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## OUR VISION

Our goal as a volunteering club this year is to minimize food waste on campus. Our vision is to share untouched leftover food with people unable to buy food. So, we want to regularly redistribute untouched leftover food in collaboration with "Boroume" and the campus dining hall.



# Food For All!

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## OUR PLAN

Our plan is to communicate with the dining hall staff members and the school administration at first to see if they are supportive of our project. Then, we want to determine what students think about environmental issues in general and about food waste specifically. Our next step is to inform the students through some presentations. After that, we will search for sponsors to donate containers to the club so we can transport the food to the people and organisations in need. Once we have them, we will be ready to start our project. At this point, we will discuss with "Boroume" when and where we should distribute the food portions as we need to know the exact locations and days to prepare them.

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## OUR VISION IN ACTION

We followed loyally our plan and succesfully accomplished our goal. We arranged a meeting with the dining hall staff and we came in a decision to start the project together. In fact, they were more than willing to help us with our project. After contacting local business, we received a generous donation of food containers. We also contacted "Boroume" and found the days and locations at which we can donate the food. Besides this, inspired by our project, we donated milk to the "Doctors of the World". Finally, after the efforts and the great cooperation of all of the people involved, on Monday 8th of April 2019 we donated the first portions of food.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Working on our project significantly impacted our knowledge and understanding of environmental issues and of designing for and with the community. We already started redistributing food left unconsumed to families in need in the local community of Themi and are working on continuing our collaboration with local organisations and authorities.

But we did not stop there. We wanted zero food to be wasted so we figured a way to use the food remained unconsumed by students. We thought about composting since we are in a school involved in agriculture. We have evaluated the amount of waste that can be composted in the infrastructure already in place in our school and are now working on making a plan to compost compostable materials on a weekly basis. We, as AFS Peace Jam, have been fully informed by experts regarding the procedure of composting and how we can do it on our own.

We are also evaluating the student consensus regarding environmental issues and food waste and composting by using a questionnaire. We are currently working on running a statistical analysis on the data we collected so we can base our next steps on knowing what students need and want. We will share the questionnaire again with the students once the project is fully operating to evaluate whether there has been a change in their understanding or action-taking behavior as a result of the project.

Furthermore, we are working on inspiring and teaching students how to responsibly dispose their food by making posters with directions available on campus and by communicating our message about environmental issues through a series of presentations during the morning assembly.

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## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Our experience from this project is amazing. Not only we managed to donate food to families in need, but also we learned a lot through this process. We were informed by several experts about different environmental issues, as well as issues regarding the people around us. Besides this, we learned to cooperate effectively and efficiently with each other and work as a team for a common goal, despite the fact that each one of us is different. Now, we know that by taking small steps we can make a difference in our planet.

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