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Lakeshore Youth Leadership Students Gained Economic Knowledge and Volunteered at Kids' Food Basket

In February, the students from the Lakeshore Youth Leadership program spent time in downtown Muskegon. They learned about the "Watch Muskegon Go" campaign from Cindy Larsen, President of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.

The students played monopoly to understand economic and social conditions; each side of the game board represented a social class and students could only purchase property within their given class. This provided the students with insight into how the local economy works, what is needed to own property and what it takes to change social status.

In addition, the class volunteered at *Kids' Food Basket* making trail mix for over 750 students. Kids' Food Basket is an organization that provides nutritionally balanced meals for students through their Sack Supper program.

To learn more about Lakeshore Youth Leadership Connections, contact Nancy Manglos at The Chamber of Commerce at 616.842.0529.

About Lakeshore Youth Leadership

The purpose of the Lakeshore Youth Leadership program is to cultivate leadership qualities in students from the communities of Grand Haven and Muskegon. Each year a total of twenty students from eighth and tenth grades are selected from Grand Haven Area Public Schools and Muskegon Public Schools to participate in the program.