**Middle School Students Bring Holiday Cheer to Homebound Seniors in San Jose**

**San Jose, December 22, 2016:** Local middle school students at College Connection Academy surprised 1,010 Meals on Wheels participants with handwritten Thanksgiving cards, offering holiday cheer to seniors of Santa Clara County who cannot leave their homes.

Principle Amber Andrade reached out to Sourcewise in October to partner on this effort.

Ms. Andrade wished to channel her students’ desire to give back to seniors in the community. “My hope is for our students to realize… their actions small or large can have a large impact. Your organization has been integral in helping me teach this lesson,” said Principal Andrade. All cards were delivered along with a special Thanksgiving dinner to help Meals on Wheels recipients enjoy the holiday, and that they did.

“Children make the most wonderful cards—so imaginative “commented an 82–year-old recipient. Another recipient, age 91, commented, “I haven’t seen a handmade card in years!”

Sourcewise Meals on Wheels program specialists coordinated the effort and noted that, “Little remembrances like these really cheer up our clients, especially the ones who have no family in the area.”

Students repeated this gesture in December by creating an additional 1,010 cards to help seniors through the final holiday celebrations.

In 2014-2015, the Sourcewise Meals on Wheels program administered 675,000 meals with no mandated cost to homebound seniors other than a suggested contribution of $1.80 per day; however, no one is ever denied meals due to inability to pay.

If you are interested in learning more about Meals on Wheels, visit [www.mysourcewise.com/meals-wheels](file:///C:\Users\cshafiabady\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\XD7D993N\www.mysourcewise.com\meals-wheels) or call (408) 350-3200, Option 4. To support the program, visit [www.mysourcewise.com/commitment](file:///C:\Users\adelpinal\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\ZLNFMK7D\www.mysourcewise.com\commitment).

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