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Bay View's Children's Camp Packs Meals of Hope

Over 11,000 Meals Packed by the BV Recreation kids

Petoskey— July 19, 2021 — The Bay View Association Boys and Girls Club exceeded their goal of packing 10,000 meals to help those in need during their 7th Annual Meals of Hope food packing event earlier this month. This year 11,520 meals were packed and donated to the Manna Food Project.

The children ranging in age from 7 to 14 years of age participated in the event, packing a Fortified Cinnamon Sugar Diced Apple Oatmeal. The children poured ingredients into a bag, weighed it, sealed the bag, put a lot number/expiration date on the bag, and boxed and palletized the food. Bay View's Recreational program includes a charity day during their program each summer, for this event the campers put on hairnets, sanitized their hands and got to work helping the Meals of Hope organization with their hands-on approach to fight hunger. "This opportunity gives the children a wonderful opportunity to give back – something that is such an important part of Bay View," remarked Stephen Popper.

Popper is the President and CEO of Meals of Hope and also a Bay View member. He and his wife Charissa started the non-profit in 2007, since then more than 70,000,000 meals have been packed throughout the country. In addition, Meals of Hope operates 14 Food Pantries in Southwest Florida, and distributes over 20,000 hot meals to feed insecure children each month. For more information, about the organization go to www.mealsofhope.org or contact Bay View at frontdesk@bayviewassociation.org

The Bay View Association is a summer community that values doing and giving. Our members participate, volunteer, give, and practice hospitality through Bay View's four program areas of Education, Performing Arts, Worship and Religious Life, and Recreation. We welcome all to come and reflect, refresh, reconnect, rejoice, and find meaning in all that Bay View has to offer. For more information about the Bay View Association, visit www.BayViewAssociation.org or call 231.347.6225.

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