



**Franklin**  
CAPSTONE

## Evan Tree Memorial

On October 21st, 2025, we will be having a Tree Dedication to celebrate the life of Evan Meier from 10am-10:30am. Snacks and beverages from our Culinary Skills class will be available in the Community Room. We will be cancelling volunteering that morning so that all are able to attend. Families and former Capstone participants are invited as well.

## Capstone Parent Roundtable- Housing

Thank you for the overwhelming feedback for the Capstone Parent Roundtable survey. If you'd like to see the results, you can find them [here](#). There was strong interest in all four of the topic proposals, with a preference towards evening events, and mixed opinions on family discussion vs. guest speakers. To that end, we are going to open up the first discussion around housing on November 12th, 5pm-6pm in the Community Room.

For families who have participants enrolled in programming until 4:30pm, we will offer the option for them to remain on-site in the rec area with staff supervision from 4:30–6:00pm while parents attend the Roundtable. This option is not available for Flex participants whose day ends earlier.

This will likely be our only discussion at Franklin regarding housing for the year, to ensure that there is bandwidth to discuss the other three topics by Summer. If parents would like additional resources from Capstone staff or would like to form informal discussion networks around these topics, they are encouraged to do so. Guest speakers will be invited to future events, as necessary.

In advance of the meeting I will share discussion questions that might both prime the pump and keep things focused and relevant.



If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to provide your perspective or ask questions, you are encouraged to do so. We can also provide a synopsis of the discussion for those who are interested. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Conference Sign-Up

A reminder to all families that if you are interested, please sign up for conferences using the original email that was sent to you. If you did not receive the email or need it resent, please let me know. Conferences are optional, though encouraged, so if we don't hear from you, we won't be asking :) Staff are very much looking forward to it!

## Volunteer Spotlight

Employment Support Specialist Johnny Garrido shares:

*"The new volunteer experiences so far have been really positive. Participants are working together more frequently on varied tasks, adapting to dynamic changes, and engaging with other staff members and volunteers in those settings. At Second Harvest Heartland, participants have even taken part in data entry and experienced what it's like to work in a professional office environment. These opportunities have provided meaningful and diverse ways to learn and grow."*

One of our participants, Javier, adds:

*"I like volunteering because it allows me to learn new skills and meet new people in the community."*

**With Sincere Appreciation**

**Michael Faeth**

**Director of Adult Education**

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| Monday                                                      | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday                    | Thursday                                       | Friday                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                             |                                                      | 1                            | 2                                              | Whirly Ball/<br>Linden Hills<br>Exploration<br>3        |
| PRISM/<br>DoubleTree<br>Hotel<br>6                          | Second Harvest<br>Heartland/ New<br>Hope YMCA<br>7   | 8                            | 9                                              | Pavek<br>Museum/<br>Luceline<br>Orchard<br>10           |
| PRISM/ Sholom<br>13                                         | Second Harvest<br>Heartland/ New<br>Hope YMCA<br>14  | 15                           | Conference<br>Prep-<br>No<br>Programming<br>16 | Severs Fall<br>Fest/ Top Golf<br>17                     |
| PRISM/<br>DoubleTree<br>Hotel<br>Lindy<br>Conferences<br>20 | Tree Memorial/<br>YMCA<br>Laura<br>Conferences<br>21 | Kristen<br>Conferences<br>22 | Day<br>Conferences-<br>No<br>Programming<br>23 | State Capitol<br>Tour/<br>Capstone<br>Talent Show<br>24 |
| PRISM/ Sholom<br>27                                         | Second Harvest<br>Heartland/ New<br>Hope YMCA<br>28  | 29                           | 30                                             | Capstone<br>Halloween<br>Party<br>31                    |

