Food is packaged and refrigerated overnight at Dining Hall.

Food is received and labeled by student volunteers.

Food is transported to Friendly House.

**Problem:** Due to the rise in the homeless population in Massachusetts, the financial burden on local shelters has become overwhelming. This burden restricts the quality of services they provide the homeless, such as food quantity, nutritional value and other essentials. If left unassisted these shelters will have an increasingly hard time feeding the individuals under their care.

**Solution:**

1. Establish contact with faculty on campus with connections to local shelters.
2. Propose project to dining services.
3. Contact FRN about starting chapter on campus.
4. Organize transportation for food from dining hall to shelter.
5. Set up phone conference with FRN rep and faculty to discuss details.

**Road to Success**

- **Percent of children in Worcester who go to bed hungry:** 20%
- **Increase in homeless population since 2007:** 46%
- **Increase in homeless families from 2013 to 2014:** 22%
- **Cut from Supplemental Nutrition Program (Food Stamps):** $39 billion
- **Increase in homelessness in Worcester since 2011:** 37%

**TABLE FOR FIVE**

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| **Percent of Homeless People by Household Type** | **By Sheltered Status, 2014** |
| Unsheltered Individuals | Sheltered People in Families | Total People in Families |
| 36.5 | 33.2 | 100.0 |
| Total Individuals | 123.8 |

**Friendly House**

- **Recipient of the Worcester County non-profit of the year award in 2014**
- **Most residents of Friendly House are either Abused women and children, or recovering from substance abuse**
- **15 families currently living in Friendly House on Elm St**

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