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# CHANGE maker

Teenager raises funds, volunteers to package food for community

By Phyllis Coulter

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**P**ONTIAC, Ill. — Less than half an hour into a food packaging event she organized, Libby Larkin jumped up on a cooler high enough to see all her volunteers to congratulate them for already reaching 5,000 meals.

They knew they still had a long way to go to meet her goal of packaging 50,000 meals for local schools, daycares and food pantries, but volunteers cheered her on because they knew this 15-year-old powerhouse leader was going to make her goal.

Wearing a patriotic mask, blue rubber gloves, an FFA t-shirt and jeans, Libby went from table to table, making sure all the volunteers had what they needed.

She solved any problems as the volunteers put together

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**Libby Larkin, a sophomore at Pontiac Township High School, organized her friends in 4-H, FFA, Key Club, Student Council and sports teams to help package food for local schools, daycares and food pantries. They packaged more than 50,000 meals.**