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The service co-chairs of Residence Hall Association, plan to take a group and package meals for Meals from the Heartland, on Thursday, Oct. 20.

“It is a good starter project, for our first event. It is something easy to get involved in and they always need volunteers,” said Alexzandra Kasza, a sophomore and one of the co-service chairs of RHA.

Meals from the Heartland is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization that packages meals for the delivery to malnourished people across the world.

According to their website, they are volunteers primarily from business, schools, churches and community organizations.

The mission of Meals from the Heartland is to empower people to save the starving.

Karoline Sandusky, a sophomore and the other co-service chair, has had experience with the organization.

“In senior year, I got to participate with this organization on senior service day. I have done it multiple times and it is really enjoyable. It helps our community and beyond so that’s cool,” she said.

According to their website Meals from the heartland sends their meals “to locations where we’re positive it will get distributed into the right hands.”

Current places where the food is distributed include global distribution in places such as Haiti, South Africa, Cambodia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Philippines, Burundi, Uganda, Mexico and Ghana.

Domestic distribution includes places such as, DMARC, Food Bank of Iowa, Boys and Girls Club, Zion Lutheran, Grimes UMC, The Cupboard Ankeny, Eddie Davis Center, Community Pantry in Gallup and New Mexico.

The RHA is behind the service project with many of those on the board participating.

Kevin Grady, president of RHA said, "It is a good hands on project. I like that it is getting us off campus and involved with the community more."

Kazsa said they have reserved 44 spots to volunteer and so far have 25 people for the project.

The group is scheduled to meet in the Breezeway in Olmsted at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, in order to carpool to the event.

The meals packaged at the event will most likely go to those in need in Haiti from the recent destruction brought by hurricane Matthew.

If anyone is looking to participate they can contact either Sandusky at karoline.sandusky@drake.edu or Kazsa at alexzandra.kasza@drake.edu.