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My group consisted of Peyton Luesse, Jasmine Banks, Joey Runde, and Andrea Cook. We did our volunteer hours and project on the Haven in Mattoon Illinois. At the time of our service, the Haven housed 22 residents from all over the area - Coles, Douglas, etc. Some stayed within the vicinity, others went out during the day. We interviewed some of the residents about their lives. We had asked questions like "how long have you been a Mattoon resident?" And "what were the circumstances that caused you to end up at the Haven?" We made breakfast that consisted of pancakes with biscuits and gravy, and fruit on the side. We also interacted with the residents and spent a great part of our services enjoying each other's company. We had learned a lot about what the Haven's mission and values is about. One huge take away from the experience was that the Haven helps its residents get back on their feet by helping them look for jobs and other opportunities that gives them the best chance of making a living.