

## Helping Other Students in Need

When he saw some unclaimed woodworking projects laying around, 8<sup>th</sup> grade CTE student Jakob DeFries decided to do something about it. Jakob, who is also Mr. Hendricks' teaching assistant, used his skills with tools-and a little imagination-to make five pine shelves, which he then donated to Rebound of Whatcom County.

Rebound is a non-profit corporation that helps school-aged children, and their families, who are trying to recover and rebuild after experiencing the effects of trauma and abuse. Jakob and Mr. Hendricks felt that Rebound would be the perfect place to donate the shelves. "It all seemed to fit," Mr. Hendricks stated. "Jakob wanted to give something of himself by building something for those who are trying to rebuild their lives. I guess the common theme here comes down to two words: Build, and Rebuild."

Jakob's donation of his time, talents, energy, and heart to other school-aged children, shows that he's learning the basic tenants of the Bellingham Promise: "To help students develop compassion and service and to help build their community." Thanks Jakob, for your example and leadership!