

Youth Day of Caring was a Success



United Way of Greater New Bedford recently hosted the 20th annual Youth Day of Caring involving 150 students from four local high schools. After a rally held in front of the New Bedford Public Library, students and chaperones spent the day completing a variety of projects at local non-profit agencies including: raking, painting, stocking food pantry shelves and organizing.

The work done by the students on YDOC is valued at \$18,225. Area high schools that participated in the event were New Bedford High School, Global Learning Charter Public School, Fairhaven High School and City on a Hill.

"Youth Day of Caring shows youth volunteers just how easy it is to make a difference in the community and how even just a few hours of work can make a big difference to the agencies they worked with throughout the day," said Victoria Grasela, Communications and Development Associate. "We hope to see these students volunteering their time and talents in the future on their own and in the future with United Way and other organizations."

Agencies that took part in the Youth Day of Caring were: The Family Pantry- Damien's Place, The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Mass Audubon South Coast Sanctuaries, The Salvation Army, The Nemasket Group,

Sharing the Harvest – Dartmouth YMCA, West End Day Nursery, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Schwartz Center for Children, Harbor House Family Center, Our Sisters' School and Better Community Living.

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