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## **SIMSBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM WESTMINSTER SCHOOL**

*Photo caption:* Students and faculty from Westminster School provided community service at the Simsbury Housing Authority during the school's Community Service Day Oct. 3. History Department Head Betsy Heckman, senior Tiaira Myers, librarian Edna Madden and seniors Iris Lu and Julie Lee were among those who volunteered at the site.

On Monday, Oct. 3, a group of students and faculty from Westminster School brought community service and companionship to the Simsbury Housing Authority and its residents. From working on clean-up, to providing manicures, aiding in serving the noontime meal, and making scarecrows for Halloween, the students and residents had a fun time!

Westminster students and faculty boarded vans and buses early in the morning that day to visit 19 locations in Connecticut as a part of the school's annual all-school Community Service Day. It's the second year the school has included the Housing Authority among the places it served.

"Developing bonds in our community is important to us, and we value their support of our residents through their friendship," said Joseph Loewy, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

"It is a pleasure to work with the staff and the residents at the Simsbury Housing Authority, both indoors and outside," said Edna Madden, director of Westminster's Cole Library, who has twice volunteered at the Housing Authority. "But for me, the best part is seeing our students interact with the residents, whether at nail-painting, serving lunch or as they work on the grounds. It always makes me realize, that while the physical work is important, it's the interaction with members of the community that is the most valuable part of the day."

*The Virginia Connolly Residence is a 40-unit congregate and assisted-living community, committed to providing a safe, caring environment and allowing residents to maintain and prolong their independent living status. The Residence is overseen by the non-profit Simsbury Housing Authority, which also manages The Dr. Owen L. Murphy Apartments, consisting of 70 garden-style units for seniors and persons with disabilities.*

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