

DHS Community Council Makes Wheelchair Costumes for Darien Students

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With cardboard, costumes, and a lot of creativity, members of the Darien High School Community Council made Halloween a little brighter for three Darien students.

This is the second year Community Council members designed costumes around wheelchairs for students who use them for mobility. One of the students enjoyed his new ride in a Lightning McQueen-inspired costume which was test driven through the halls of DHS.

“One of the aspects of this project that is most meaningful for our students is the tangible contribution that they have made to their peers — the reactions of both the kids who made the costumes and the kids who

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received them was a reflection of how meaningful an experience this was," said Chris Buckley, co-adviser for the Council along with DHS teacher Janet Keeler.

DHS staffer Paul Brager, who was also involved in the project added, "Hearing the cheers from classmates as they cruised through the parade and seeing their faces in response was nothing short of amazing."

The Community Council is made up of 25 students and 10 advisers and serves as the student government organization for the school.

The students run weekly and monthly meetings in which they discuss ways to improve their school community, facilitate events for their classes and the school community, and run service projects like "Goblins on the Go."

— *Marc Marin is district director of instructional technology. This article is republished from the Darien Public Schools News of the Week newsletter.*