

## **DHS Students Make Dozens of Wooden Toys for Children in Area Shelters**

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Darien High School students in a woodworking class and other technology education classes have built dozens of wooden toys for children in area homeless shelters.

Their effort in the last few weeks of December started out as a manufacturing project in teacher Ashley O'Connor's Woodworking 2 class. The students decided to make wooden fire trucks.

The project then expanded when other technology education students heard about it and asked if they could help. Students felt it was very important that children would get these toys before the holidays.

Altogether, the students created 38 toy fire trucks and 18 toy pickup trucks which were delivered before the holidays. The fire truck toys were donated to Inspirica, a shelter in Stamford, as well as two shelters in Norwalk — Malta House and the Open Door Shelter.

"These skilled students did a wonderful and caring job, and the Technology & Engineering Education Department at DHS could not be happier with the dedication and thoughtfulness of their students," said an announcement from the school.