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## **Letter: Thank You, Supporters of Darien Youth Commission's Halloween Window Painting Contest**

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To the editor:

On behalf of the Darien Youth Commission and the many sectors of the community who supported the DYC's recent Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest, thank you.

The weather was absolutely perfect for this 21st anniversary celebration, with close to 100 middle and high school students painting approximately 25 storefronts throughout the community.

As the makeup of the merchant population changes from year to year, it was great to include a bunch of new

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storefronts in the fun.

Like many of these special events, these activities are made possible as a result of the unique partnership the Darien Youth Commission forges with the public and private sectors.

Again, special thanks to Beth Cherico, owner of Pie in the Sky LLC (a mobile art education service) for lending her expertise to the judging portion of this event.

And again, thanks to the Depot for graciously allowing us to host our winners' reception for the winning and honorable mention teams. In addition, special thanks goes to Jaclyn Sasmmis, Advanced Placement Arts teacher at Darien High School for being such a strong and vocal supporter of this activity.

First place was awarded to Darien Fabricare; second place was awarded Johnny's & Co.; and third place honor was given to Heights Pizza.

For a complete list of winners/honorable mention recipients, visit [the Youth Commission website](#).

Sincerely,

Alicia Sillars

Youth director, Darien Youth Commission