

Ox Ridge Students Collect Food for Those in Need

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As part of a school-wide service project, Ox Ridge Elementary School students collected food items to support those in need.

Teacher Jenny Trifiatis led the kindergarten team in organizing the annual food drive event aimed at supporting the [Bridgeport Rescue Mission](#). The mission's focus is to provide food, clothing, shelter, education, support, and job training for the urban poor and addicted in coastal Fairfield County.

Each grade level was challenged to collect 100 items of food to donate to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Students helped load the items recently for use in the mission's pantry and mobile kitchens.

According to the organization's website, the mission spends \$16,609 per month to feed "hungry neighbors through our weekly Mobile Kitchen in Bridgeport and South Norwalk."

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"The promotion of this school service project was supported by the school's Leadership League, which helped to get the word out to all students and teachers to make this effort a great success," said Ox Ridge Principal Luke Forshaw.

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

Added by Darienite.com: Here's a video from the Bridgeport Rescue Mission (it doesn't refer to the Ox Ridge effort):