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## Community Service

### Coatesville Chapter

On Saturday, May 4, Coatesville Chapter Scholars performed Community Service at LaMancha Animal Rescue Farm in Coatesville. The day began with a simple yet profound task: feeding the goats. With bags of carrots in hand, Scholars eagerly approached and had a great time feeding the goats, with their mischievous eyes and playful antics, nibbling away at the offered snacks. For some of the Scholars it was a first-hand lesson in compassion and responsibility as they tended to the needs of the gentle animals.



Next on the agenda was a visit to the puppy pen, where they eagerly awaited our attention. Scholars learned about the rescue efforts behind each puppy. They listened intently as our host shared stories of resilience and hope highlighting the importance of LaMancha's support in giving these animals a second chance at happiness.



Despite the rain, Scholars remained attentive. The next stop was the Cat Condo where many of the rescued cats were housed. They learned there were also cats walking and roaming freely, and they were the ones we were not to engage with.

Throughout the event, Scholars proved themselves to be more than just volunteers; they were ambassadors of kindness and compassion. Their thoughtful questions and eager participation earned them praise from the center's director, who commended their exceptional manners and genuine interest in making a difference.

During the visit, Scholars had not only fed goats and tended to puppies and cats, they also nurtured a sense of empathy and responsibility towards the world around them. Through their actions, they embodied the true spirit of community service. Eager to return again, some Scholars asked if they could return during the week with their families and friends.

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## Norristown Chapter

The Norristown YMWIC Scholars joined forces with God Feeds for their final Community Service initiative of the 2023-2024 Program Year. God Feeds is a compassionate ministry based in Norristown, PA, dedicated to serving the local homeless community by providing meals and essential items on a monthly basis. Collaborating with other local ministries in the tri-state area, God Feeds offers hot and cold meals, groceries, toiletries, gift cards, and clothing.



Our initiative was a resounding success, with 15 of our Scholars actively participating and contributing to the event. They did more than just donate items; they engaged directly with the community, assisting in organizing and distributing the essentials. Scholars also folded clothes and provided personalized support, ensuring

each individual received attention and care.

The day began with Julian Hernandez Velazquez working alongside Vincent DePaul, the founder of God Feeds, to prepare homemade sauces for the vegan meals that were distributed later in the day. During the event, Scholar Ariel Camack delivered a heartfelt performance, singing a song that deeply moved all in attendance.

We are immensely proud of our Scholars for their generosity and empathy. This experience not only allowed them to make a tangible impact on the lives of others but also helped them recognize their own blessings. It was a day filled with meaningful contributions and heartfelt connections, reinforcing the importance of community service and the powerful impact of giving back.

## West Chester Chapter

Demonstrating unity and generosity, Scholars and parents joined forces for a Community Service event aimed at supporting the West Chester Food Cupboard. The premise was simple yet impactful: families were encouraged to bring in breakfast items to donate to those in need. Scholars were required to attend Workshop #16 and bring breakfast food items to be donated. Scholars were assisted by their Parents, working together seamlessly. Parents took on the task of sorting the breakfast items and grouping by type while Scholars engaged in enriching workshop experiments. This



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collaborative effort ensured that the donations were ready to go and carefully bagged for distribution, making the upcoming drop-off a smooth and streamlined process.

Highlighting the interconnectedness of the community, one Scholar's parents emerged as invaluable allies in the cause, with their volunteer work at the West Chester Food Cupboard adding an extra layer of significance to the event. Their involvement not only reinforced the sense of community but also exemplified the spirit of giving back.

As the event concluded, plans were set in motion for the upcoming drop-off efforts. With a dedicated team of Scholars and parents committed to making a difference, the impact of their collective generosity is sure to be felt by those in need. This Community Service event served as a testament to the power of collaboration and compassion.