

Dutchess Day School brings the holidays to local families

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Figure 1 Seventh graders at Dutchess Day School load a bus full of donated gifts for delivery on Dec. 13.

Seventh-graders at Dutchess Day School in partnership with the parents association recently held the school's annual "sponsor-a-family" holiday gift drive.

Parents and faculty of the school collected holiday gifts for more than 200 people.

Astor Services for Children and Families made the individual wish lists of recipients available to participating donor families, who went shopping and got busy crossing things off those lists.



Figure 2 Seventh-graders from Dutchess Day School in Millbrook carry donated gifts.

Everything from winter clothes to toys were purchased, wrapped and coded for specific recipients. Over the past few weeks, gifts were dropped off at Dutchess Day School's Bontecou Gymnasium where the seventh-graders sorted and organized them for delivery. On Friday, the kids loaded up the bus and headed to Rhinebeck to drop off the gifts at Astor Children's Home. From there, the gifts will be distributed to families.

While visiting the children's home, the Dutchess Day students spent a few hours doing community service. A list of planned projects was made ready for them by the home's staff.