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INDIAN HILL STUDENT COUNCIL HELPS BUILD "BRIDGES" ALL YEAR LONG

HOLMDEL (January 3, 2017) – Within the school district's mission statement is expressed the belief that the district's schools ought to help students "become responsible and resourceful citizens." As a way of putting this belief into action, students in grades 4-6 at Indian Hill School have "adopted" a local community organization and are learning what it means to be such citizens.

Over the past several years, student leaders and student council advisor Mrs. Trina McCarthy have worked closely with the Indian Hill School P.L.G. (Parent Liaison Group) to build an on-going volunteer relationship with BRIDGES at the Shore. BRIDGES is a program that serves low-income residents in the communities of Keyport, Red Bank, and Freehold. According to the organization's mission, BRIDGES "is a person-to-person effort, meeting homeless and low-income families face to face, offering friendship as well as food, blankets and clothing."

The student council and the P.L.G. work with Kathy Logan of BRIDGES throughout the school year. As part of its monthly meetings, the student council endeavors to learn what the needs of the organization are and how they might help to fulfill those needs. This year the students and the P.L.G. helped to lead a school-wide coat drive as well as a toy drive. Last year, they organized a collection of gently used books as part of a book drive. Once the items are collected, students organize them for delivery to BRIDGES.

Holmdel's students have also helped in the past by donating canned foods and making bagged lunches for those who participate in the organization's programs. "The students enjoy the feeling of helping others and knowing that they are making a difference in our community and in surrounding communities," said Mrs. McCarthy. "It's great to see these young people and their families working together throughout the year, building friendships, and making a difference," she added.