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Green Tree School Life Skills Class wins “Young Heroes Award”



Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 27 --The National Liberty Museum selected Green Tree School Upper School students along with 37 other young achievers and student groups to receive its annual *Young Heroes Awards*. Now in its 8th year, the award spotlights exceptional children and teenagers who have excelled in classrooms, served in the community, overcome adversity and inspired others through their extraordinary deeds. “This award is designed to celebrate the next generation of progressive activism,” says Museum CEO, Gwen Borowsky “These passionate, young people are the real role models of their generation.”

Green Tree Schools, service-learning theme this year was “Empathy”, and the Life Skills class galvanized by their teachers, used their hospitality talents to give back to the community at large. This class of 14-17 year olds winners, developed a successful soup business with their earnings going to buy food and create meals for the homeless in the “Women of Change” shelter, a Project H.O.M.E facility.

In the winter months, they researched, prepared, marketed and measured fresh local ingredients to make homemade soups and breads to sell to the staff at Green Tree. They used the earnings from the soup business to fund their culinary expeditions, in buying, cooking and preparing delicious lunches

for the women's shelter residents monthly. Their teacher, Mrs. Karim says "The kids worked very hard in the soup business to be able to put funds into the service learning project. They got a lot from this session; the ability to see the real face of homelessness, and learn that every human being deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Recipients felt honored to have young people come serve them. It was a rewarding experience for the students, staff and shelter residents; A win/win for all involved!

As part of their culinary training, the students helped prepare and serve lunch for all students in the school throughout the year. Some of the offerings from their delectable soup menu included:" Broccoli & Cheese, Corn Chowder, Maryland She-Crab Soup, Chili, Gumbo, Chicken Noodle Soup and more. Green Tree Students will be releasing a Cook Book available to the public later this fall. Call (215) 843-4528 ext 210 to reserve your copy.

Green Tree School is a special needs and autism education, human services institution. The "Life skills" program teaches students a variety of skills needed to become independent in today's society. The program at Green Tree taught these students the value of being charitable and hospitable ... skills that will last them a lifetime!

About Green Tree School

Green Tree School is dedicated to improving the quality of life for students with special needs and their families. We connect students to effective academic, therapeutic, personal and vocational services that enable success throughout the lifespan. In operation since 1957, Green Tree School is embarking on our 50th anniversary, as the oldest school of this kind in Philadelphia! Visit us online: www.greentreeschool.org.