

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL founded 1975

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LTS SIXTH GRADE ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY SERVICE SUCCESSES

Dorset—During the holiday season, Long Trail School's sixth graders participated in two community service events and learned a lot while helping others.

In December, the sixth graders requested help from everyone at LTS in bringing food items for donation to holiday food baskets. The contributions filled 12 baskets which were part of the 121 baskets, clothing and presents distributed through the Dorset Church to families in Dorset, Pawlet, Rupert, West Pawlet, and Danby.



Long Trail 6th graders get some support from family, teachers, and friends as they mulch Christmas trees

In early January, these same students organized a Christmas tree collection and recycling program. The trees were picked up for a suggested donation and were chipped by Stratton Tree Service for spring use as mulch around the LTS campus. 47 trees were processed and \$550 was collected. The students decided to give \$150 to the ASPCA to alleviate needless fear, pain and suffering in animals' lives. They donated \$200 to Smile Train, which provides free cleft surgery for millions of poor children in developing countries and free cleft-related training for doctors and medical professionals. Also, the students sent \$200 to the World Wildlife Fund. They selected four animals to assist: the polar bear, the sea otter, the tiger and the lynx, which is the School's mascot.

The sixth graders thank all community members who supported their efforts; their advisors, administrators and teachers who gave their time; Todd at Stratton Tree Service who donated his time and equipment to mulch the trees; and Jodi and Tom Polich for their invaluable support. Social responsibility is one of the core values of Long Trail School. Events such as these support Long Trail students' efforts to give back as good citizens and to serve others.