

## MercyFirst and Syosset Students Team Up to Help Those in Need

To kickoff the holiday season, a group of MercyFirst youth teamed up with local Syosset students to volunteer their time to help those in need. The youth packaged bagels, sandwiches, candy and juice in 100 lunch bags to be dropped off at the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen, located in Hempstead.

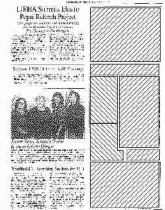
The young people felt it was important to help those who are hungry in the community, especially during the holidays. In addition to the hard work of the students, this was all made possible thanks to the generosity of community members, and local businesses, including Gabby's and Rolf's Delicatessen, both located in Syosset, who donated the supplies.

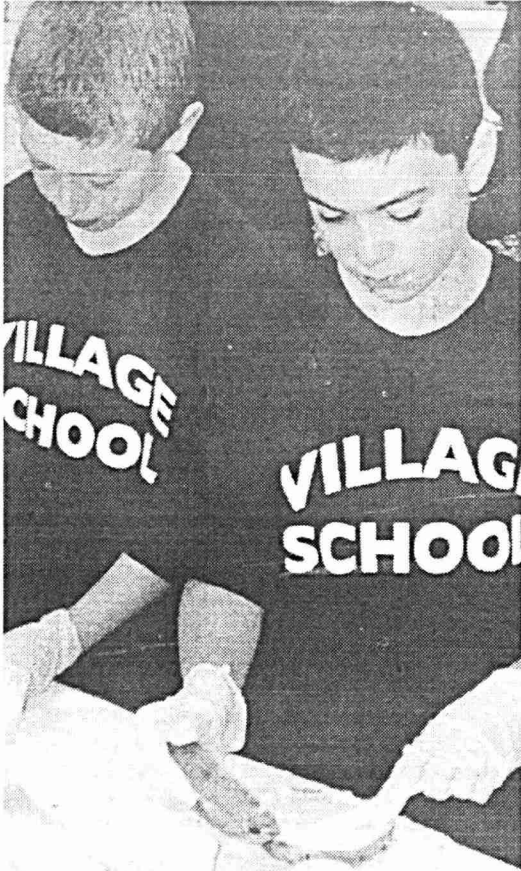
MercyFirst youth development coordinator, Cathy Damrose, who organized the project along with Syosset mother Mary Majoy said, "It's a wonderful thing to see young people come together and use their time to do volunteer service. I hope they realize, whether now or in the future, how good it can make you feel to give back to your community and help others in need."

Headquartered in Syosset, MercyFirst is a not-for-profit human service agency founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1894. MercyFirst provides an integrated continuum of care for over 4,000 traumatized and neglected children, teenagers and their families at nearly 20 sites throughout Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

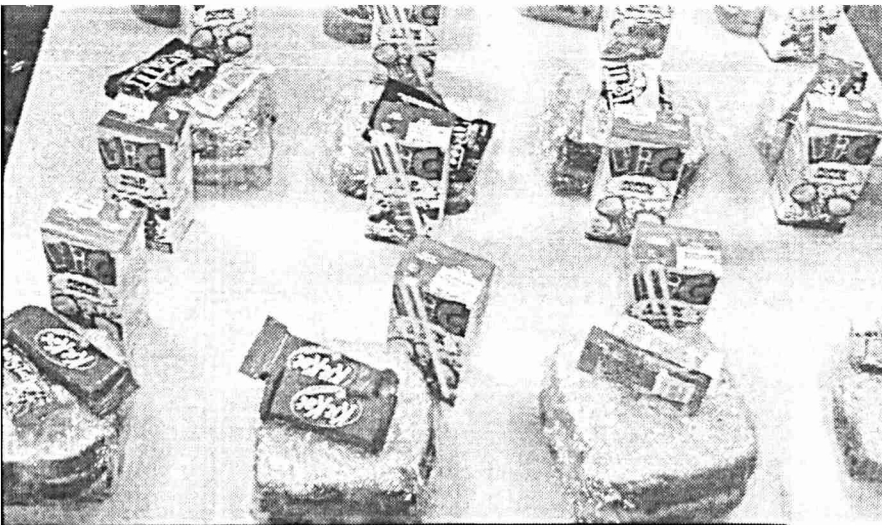


MercyFirst CEO, Jerry McCaffery thanked Mary Majoy and all of the young people for their hard work.





**Students prepared bagels for those in need.**



**The students prepared sandwiches, candy and juice, ready to be delivered to the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen.**