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Long Island students making a difference



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## Life Changing Charity

In early January, three busy 5th Grade students at **Notre Dame School** in New Hyde Park approached their Principal, Mrs. Caryn Durkin, with the idea of starting a charity. In realizing how lucky and blessed they are, the students - Amanda Maroney, Arianna Sikiric and Lauren Zamora - decided, with inspiration from their Math teacher, Mr. Brad Haywood, to focus their first fund-raising efforts on a nearby homeless shelter.

Through their charity, which they named The Life Changing Charity, they started a collection with their fellow students, raising \$1,000 to date. With this money, they purchased various toiletries, such as shampoo, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and packaged them into more than 100 individual bags for the men and women to use when they shower at the shelter. They also used the money raised to purchase socks and underwear for the homeless, and even sent pizzas over to the shelter every Monday for their meals.

For The Life Changing Project's next charitable effort, the students plan to help a Notre Dame School parent's mission to assist children in need in Jamaica by purchasing vitamins and soccer balls.



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