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ANDOVER HIGH STUDENT AMBASSADORS CREATE BLANKETS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED *Students Respond to Community Needs Through Service*

Andover, Mass. - Approximately 60 Andover High School **Student Ambassadors** gathered in the cafeteria this morning to create no-sew fleece blankets for students who are still affected by the gas explosions and fires from September. There are over 150 students at Andover High School who remain directly affected by the incident, and have no heat, hot food, or hot water in their homes. Andover High School **Student Ambassadors** assume leadership roles in their school and communities, focusing on wellness, sportsmanship and service to others.

The blanket project was entirely student-driven. AHS senior Paige Long, and juniors Hannah Finn and Karina Calhoun came up with the idea to provide for some warmth and care for their classmates. “We wanted to do something that might help; we thought blankets would lift their spirits and let them know others care about their difficult situation,” said Calhoun, Long and Finn. “We are also grateful for the donation from the Service Club of Andover.”



The Service Club of Andover provided \$1,300 to cover the cost of materials. The Service Club of Andover is a volunteer organization that seeks to make a difference in the lives of our youth and friends with special needs. The Service Club runs and funds programs in the Merrimack Valley, and 100% of monies raised goes directly to supporting charitable programs like the Andover High Student Ambassadors. Joann Fabrics provided a generous 75% discount off the retail price for the kits.

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