

KIPP Academy Lynn Receives Generous Gifts From Local Donors

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During this holiday season, Marblehead and Swampscott residents were most generous in donating to KIPP Academy Lynn, reported the middle school in Lynn, where 90 percent of students live in poverty.

Joel Abramson of Flagship Travel in Marblehead along with his wife Mary Abramson of Swampscott led the “Basket Babes” in creating over 75 abundant baskets filled with goodies, gift items for moms, dads, kids and babies for KIPP Academy Lynn students to give to their families. Mary and her hard workers spend many hours collecting, wrapping and delivering the fantastic and much-appreciated baskets.

Community of Friends chairman and managing director John Wilder and board member Maurice Richard brought over 100 Christmas stockings filled to the brim for KIPP Academy Lynn’s neediest students. The Marblehead community generously filled stockings with games and toys as well as hats, mittens and basic needs for students to enjoy a very happy holiday.

Tom Demakes of Swampscott, president of Old Neighborhood Foods in Lynn, donated a gift box of food for every family at KIPP. Students and their families had an array of fresh meats for their holiday celebrations.

Each donation of food, clothing, gifts and necessities is meaningful, and every KIPP family is most appreciative, said the school.

KIPP Academy Lynn provides an environment of strict discipline, high expectations, commitment, longer school day and fun where the educationally underserved, diverse population of students in grades five to eight in Lynn develop the academic skills, intellectual habits and character traits necessary to maximize their potential in high school, college, and the world beyond.

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