



## West Haven Community House

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### Quinnipiac Students Participate in The Big Event

West Haven, CT - (April 19, 2021) Nine students from Quinnipiac University spent the day at the West Haven Community House doing many outdoor projects as part of the university's service project known as The Big Event. The Big Event began at Texas A & M University in 1982, and has grown to be the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the nation. It aims to allow students the opportunity to say "Thank You" to residents of the surrounding communities. Quinnipiac's Big Event was founded in 2010 by the Vice President of Public Relations for the QU Student Government Association, Jen Walts.



This year's day of service saw more than 600 students complete over 2,400 hours of community service in the Greater New Haven community.

The group of students at the Community House spent the day raking, painting, and planting flowers at the agency's Elm Street location. "We were delighted to be a host site for 'The Big Event'. The students were very eager to assist and completed each task we gave them. They even brought flowers and planted them in our garden beds. The grounds never looked so good! Big thanks to all that participated", said Peter Marinelli, West Haven Community House's Director of Facility & Operations. "Their

generous contribution of time, energy, talent and enthusiasm is invaluable", he continued.

**About the West Haven Community House:** For 80 years, the Community House has been the cornerstone social service agency of West Haven with programs including Head Start, a quality school readiness program for children from income-eligible families; Children & Youth Services, a before and after-school program for school-aged children; and Community Connections day and residential program for adults with intellectual disabilities.