

# Narragansett Bay work camp helps Jamestown elderly



A Narragansett Bay Workcamp team painted Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Guy's house on Columbia Avenue. From left are Elise Benedict, 16, of Newtown, Conn., Olivia Flynn, 13, of Flanders, N. J., Supervisor Jackie Hunter of Southbury, Conn., Zack Williams, 17, of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and Michael Bennington, 15, of Newton, Mass.

Photo by Sam Bari

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Four hundred young, able-bodied Narragansett Bay Workcamp campers from across the country arrived in Rhode Island last week. They provided home repairs absolutely free of charge for elderly, disabled and low-income area residents who are unable physically or financially to do necessary maintenance on their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Guy of 45 Columbia Ave. in Jamestown were one of the recipients of the

work camp services. The Guys heard about the program through a notice posted at the senior center. Their house had long needed a new coat of paint, so they submitted an application.

On Monday morning, June 30, a team of four teenage workers with an adult supervisor arrived at their home with scrapers, buckets of paint, brushes, rollers and rags. They introduced themselves and started working in earnest. By Friday afternoon, a fresh coat of paint

had been applied to their entire house.

"We couldn't have possibly done the work ourselves," Mrs. Guy said. "The young people worked so hard. They were a joy to have around both spiritually and physically. We are so grateful for all they have done."

The faith-based work camp was hosted by St. Bernard's Church in Wickford with support from other local churches in nearby towns. St. Mark Church in Jamestown was just one of the participating churches, said Youth Ministry Coordinator Dawn Masterson, organizer of the program. The services offered by the work camp were open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

Group Workcamps, the parent organization, is based in Loveland, Colo. where it all began. Each year, thousands of youth groups travel to communities throughout the country to help people who are in need of assistance. They pay for their own transportation through fund-raisers, savings from part-time jobs, and donations from supporters of the program.

The Group Workcamps Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is responsible for the enormously successful effort. Since 1977, nearly a quarter of a million par-

ticipants have provided more than six million hours of volunteer service directly to people in need.

St. Bernard's Youth Ministry has had 51 different camps participate in the Workcamps program over the past six years. As this year's host, St. Bernard's recruited volunteers, raised funds, and identified the needy individu-

als whose homes needed assistance. The fund raising committee established a budget of \$30,000 as their goal to fulfill the needs of the Rhode Island projects.

According to public relations representative Julie Palazini, the \$30,000 goal was surpassed and all projects were completed beyond expectations.

## Fire & EMS

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Newport Hospital.

4:36 p.m., June 30, EMS 1 answered a trauma call at Ft. Wetherill. The call was cancelled at the scene.

4:45 p.m., June 30, EMS 1 was sent to Ft. Wetherill for a trauma call, patient refused service.

8 a.m., July 1, EMS 1 went to Ft. Wetherill for a recovery standby.

12 p.m., July 1, EMS 1 went to Ft. Wetherill for a recovery standby.

7:23 a.m., July 2, EMS 1 was sent to Seaside Drive for a fire standby.

4:13 p.m., July 2, EMS 1 was dispatched to Seaside Drive for a

medical emergency and drove a person to Newport Hospital.

12:17 a.m., July 3, EMS 1 responded to a medical emergency call on Reservoir Circle and transported a patient to Newport Hospital.

7:50 p.m., July 3, EMS 3 was sent to Lawn Avenue School for a fire standby.

9:04 p.m., July 3 EMS 1 answered a medical emergency call on Calvert Place and drove a person to Newport Hospital.

6:37 a.m., July 4, EMS 1 responded to a medical emergency call on Keel Avenue and transported a patient to South County Hospital.

10:22 a.m., July 5, EMS 1 answered a trauma call at Dutch Harbor and drove a person to Newport Hospital.

12:45 p.m., July 5, EMS 1 was dispatched to Highland Drive for a medical emergency and transported a person to Newport Hospital.

2:05 p.m., July 5, EMS 1 went to Lincoln Avenue for a medical emergency and drove a patient to Newport Hospital.

4:41 p.m., July 5, EMS 1 was sent to Pemberton Avenue for a medical emergency and transported a patient to Newport Hospital.


6:03 p.m., July 5, EMS 1 went to Narragansett Avenue to respond to a medical emergency and drove a person to Newport Hospital.

6:38 p.m., July 5, EMS 2 responded to a trauma call at Ft. Wetherill Park, no transportation was needed.


11:41 p.m., July 5, EMS 1 was dispatched to Ft. Wetherill Park for a fire standby.

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