

# Raider rake

## North Farmington students clean up leaves for seniors

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Louise Bizer couldn't be more thrilled with the group of North Farmington High School students who volunteered their time recently to rake leaves on her corner lot on Brandywine in Farmington Hills.

Their visit became a bit sweeter and more memorable because her grandson, Matthew Bizer, was among the group of four workers.

North Farmington sponsored the annual Raider Rake event from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on a Saturday morning.

"It was a bit unbalanced in the worker-to-leaf ratio," said

Matthew, a ninth grader. "The leaves won in this case."

He was among 30 students who participated.

"We have used this service for four years, and the kids are just wonderful," Louise said. "They all have a good attitude. It creates a lot of goodwill and is very appreciated. My husband, Al, has neuropathy and can't walk without a cane. He cannot do our leaves."

The program is considered a success.

"The kids met at the North Farmington High School cafeteria and then fanned out to the subdivisions to help senior citizens and shut-ins with their fall yard cleanup," said Ed Davis, a

North Farmington High School government and history teacher and student volunteer coordinator.

Davis and Kathy Maisner, who teaches Honors English, organized the program, a school-wide service project. Students are required to log 40 hours of community service work before graduation.

Some of the 30 student volunteers hooked up with elderly people they knew, Matthew said.

The participants determined ahead of time were primarily referred to NFHS by the Farmington Hills Home Chores division.



Raking it In: Students from North Farmington High School participated in the annual Raider Rake last month. Louise Bizer (second from left) couldn't be happier with the work they did.

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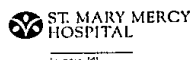
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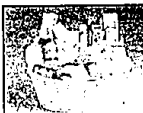


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