

Community Involvement: Back to School Backpacks!



Maristhill is a proud member of the greater Waltham community, and recently worked on a heart-warming fundraising program with friends at the *Prospect Hill Community Center*.

The project was identified through conversations with Board Members and advisors at *Prospect Hill*. The Leadership Team at *Maristhill* was “all in” immediately, and donations came from all sectors of the *Maristhill* staff.

Thanks to the generosity of *Maristhill* and their staff, and to additional support from a *Prospect Hill* Board Member, *Maristhill* was able to buy fifty (50) backpacks, which were distributed prior to the start of the school year to children participating in the center’s After-school Mentoring Program.



“We were beyond excited to give these to the kids for many years of use,” said **Rachel Palumbo**, a volunteer at *Prospect Hill* and a class-of-2018 *Bentley University* student. “It means so much to us that you’ve taken the time and resources to do this for us, and please let us know what we may do for you in the future.”

Maristhill has participated in other fundraising initiatives, including a Silent Auction and a Trivia Night in support of *Chesterbrook Learning Center* and *Dana Hall Learning Center* programs.

“We plan to remain active in all three after-school programs in the city,” said **Joe Deveau**, *Maristhill* CEO. “We are part of the community and a focus of our mission is to Collaborate and Interact with other organizations to address mutual needs and share resources. All of us at *Maristhill* are happy to help!”