

Good Neighbors

Inly School Makes Major Economic, Social Contributions to the Community

Inly School's commitment to community service is tied to a belief that children should be inspired and nurtured to become global citizens.

The school has an enrollment of just 272 students, from toddlers through eighth grade, but it provides major economic and social benefits to Scituate and the surrounding area.

Last year, Inly boosted the local economy by more than \$1.2 million, according to Inly officials. That figure includes salaries for Scituate residents who are fulltime employees, fees paid to local consultants and contractors, and business provided to local catering services and restaurants.

Over the past two years, the school also spent \$65,000 locally in capital expenditures. And by enrolling 42 local students, Inly saved Scituate \$315,000 in educational expenses.

The school also loans its Arts Barn for performances by community groups, including the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the Broad Cove Chorale.

Inly is currently working with the town Highway Department to adopt a garden that the sixth-graders will maintain.

Beyond the school's economic impact, Inly has a long list of community service projects that provide far-reaching benefits to organizations and individuals in Scituate and nearby towns. Many of the ideas for the projects come directly from the students.

"The enthusiasm for Inly's community service initiatives has been growing in leaps and bounds in the last few years," Head of School Donna Milani Luther said. "We look forward to this momentum carrying us into new collaboration with many local and global organizations."

At the heart of the effort is the ongoing work of two after-school groups – Inly's Community Service Club and Girls with a Cause – as well as community service projects initiated by the Parents Group and held annually on Veterans' Day and Presidents' Day.

Those two days, when school is not in session, are set aside for family service at school and in the community. Middle School



students also have a 20-hour community service commitment that they fulfill on their own time.

The Community Service Club, an after-school organization for students in grades 4 to 8, has organized a variety of school-wide projects. These include Earth Day activities, a Martin Luther King Jr. values project, and emergency relief projects for international disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti.

At various times of the year, Inly students:

- Conducted a backpack drive for local families and collected toiletries for shelters
- Helped out with Scituate Community Christmas for families in need
- Collected donations for the Scituate Food Pantry
- Volunteered at a local animal shelter
- Made cards for veterans and homeless children
- Sang at a local assisted living center
- Held collection drives for Cradles to Crayons and Coats for Kids, and much more

As part of an ongoing project with the Scituate Senior Citizens Center, Inly students adopted elders and then wrote biographies of them.

At a local shelter for abused women and children, students do yard work and paint, working alongside their parents. They also tutor there throughout the year.

Inly School Annual Economic Impact to the Town of Scituate - 2009

Local students (K-8)	\$315,000
Full-time jobs to Scituate residents	\$650,000
School admin/education consultants	\$53,970
Local contractors (annual maintenance)	\$9,736
Local contractors (improvement projects)	\$70,000
Local consultants (building & grounds)	\$10,000
Capital project expenditures (past 2 years)	\$65,000
Catering services, local businesses	\$14,000
Staff/faculty eating out	\$14,250
Middle School pizza fundraiser	\$8,000
Grand Total	\$1,209,956