

Wellesley Friendly Aid partners with

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Residents at Wellesley Housing Authority's Morton Circle, River Street and Weston Road locations recently received holiday cheer through a combined community effort led by Wellesley Friendly Aid.

On Dec. 9, residents gathered at these three locations for a light supper and holiday gift bags. Guests at the event

enjoyed singing holiday songs and decorating Christmas trees. This annual event was made a little brighter this year with the help of first-grade students at Sprague Elementary School who collected donations for gift bags.

Teacher Karen Lindquist's classroom gathered puzzles, gloves, holiday treats and personal items as part of a larger classroom

lesson on the importance of community service.

Once Wellesley Friendly Aid collected the items, the Wellesley High School Key Club stepped in to help package more than 40 gift bags for distribution.

Key Club members also volunteered to help serve food and sing Christmas carols at the Morton Circle location.

Special thanks to event

co-chairs Sally Miller and Alison Glastein Gray, event co-chairs, Chinese translator Johnny Jin, volunteers Cheryl Maloney, July Gray, Peter Johannsen, Deb Cogill, Dianne Weil, Sharon Kiernan and Kathleen and Elliot Mark.

Wellesley Friendly Aid Association is a community-based nonprofit organization that works to improve the well-being and quality of life

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of the residents of Wellesley. Through our evolving range of programs and services, made available both directly and in collaboration with other organizations and agencies, we offer assistance to Wellesley individuals and families of all incomes and ages who have a variety of unmet needs.

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