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Sophomores Serve Up a Meal at the Plainfield YMCA Shelter

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PLAINFIELD, NJ - Class of 2020 students at Plainfield High School took it upon themselves to "feed the city," serving food donated by local restaurants at the Plainfield YMCA shelter on Tuesday evening.

Sophomores Carlos Bennett and Icis Pryer came up with the idea, and talked to School Resource Officer Bernel Harrison about it.

Bennett said, "Growing up in Plainfield, we've always thought of giving back, but we never really had the chance because we're kids. But we saw this opportunity, thanks to Officer Harrison, and we decided to give back to our community."

When asked why she wanted to get involved, Pryer said, "My step-mom, she works at a hospital, and she's like a social worker; I always wanted to go with her to different organizations and places that she deals with, so I would tag along. That made me want to give back."

Bennett said of Officer Harrison, "He's influenced us, and we saw how he handles things, so we just decided we wanted to do something on our own."

He added, "We're definitely planning to do something like this again. It's a great experience. We might choose a different place, and we might go bigger next time."

The Plainfield YMCA shelter provides emergency housing services for individuals and families facing a crisis. If your organization is looking for a service opportunity, consider providing and preparing an evening meal for its residents.

Contact Theresa McCoy in the Housing Services Office to schedule a date. Call 908-756-6060 ext. 103 or email tmccoy@plainfieldymca.org.

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Each year our shelter is home to individuals and families facing a crisis. For over 140 years the Plainfield YMCA has provided emergency housing services in the Plainfield area. We provide a hot meal, social services and basic necessities for these individuals. We are inviting your organization and/or individuals to prepare and provide an evening meal for our residents. Volunteers are needed throughout the entire year.

Simply call our Housing Services Office and pick a date! Your help can make a difference!

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