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Jericho Language Students Learn Leadership Skills

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Student representatives from each eighth grade language class at Jericho Middle School recently met to find out more about Service Learning and the importance of being a leader.

Language students filled out applications and approximately four students per class were selected to participate in this activity.

Christine Brown from Long Island Cares, a not-for-profit, community based organization that works in partnership with other charitable agencies to fight hunger in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, spoke with the students about hunger on Long Island and ways that they can help.

The students participated in role-playing activities in which they were given a situation and had to go to the bank to get their small daily stipend, shop for food, apply for food stamps, visit a soup kitchen and fill out applications at the Department of Social Services, sometimes with language barriers hindering their success.

From this lesson, World Language Curriculum Associate Elaine Margarita and the Middle School language teachers, want the chosen student leaders to develop an action plan and begin to implement it within their classrooms.

“Having a coat drive is great, but we want you to reflect – why don’t people in our community have coats and what can we do to change this situation,” Spanish teacher Elisa Waters said to the students. “Giving them a coat helps them for one winter – what can we do to help change their lives.”

For more information on Long Island Cares, call 516-582-FOOD or visit www.LICares.org.



Jericho's World Language Curriculum Associate Elaine Margarita encourages the students to use their foreign language skills during the activity.