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Bonnie Boxes Abound at Dover Scrub Club

On May 15th, Dover Scrub Club Students met to fill their beautifully decorated Bonnie Boxes with comforting items they collected from local sources over the past month to help local patients who are battling cancer alone.

Bonnie Boxes was started by Cindy Snow, a local resident who also battled cancer. As Cindy was going through chemotherapy, she noticed how many people were enduring cancer treatment alone. She wanted to do something to reassure them that people really do care about them. Initially, Cindy called them "Because We Care Boxes," but later changed the name to "Bonnie Boxes" to commemorate a woman who was battling cancer herself, but always had time to cheer on others. Unfortunately, Bonnie's cancer journey ended in February.

Fifty (50) Bonnie Boxes were decorated, filled, and distributed to the Wingdale/Dover, Wassaic, and Putnam chapters of Bonnie Boxes. From there, they will be delivered to the Danbury Praxair Center, Sharon Hospital, Dyson Center, Putnam Hospital, Hudson Valley Hematology, and the Maria Ferrara Children's Hospital. Because of the unyielding dedication of the students to this project, more boxes are expected to come.

"Catskill Hudson AHEC is very proud to have sponsored the Dover Scrub Club students." stated Kathryn Reed, Executive Director of Catskill Hudson AHEC. "The Bonnie Boxes community project is a perfect way to introduce these future health care professionals to the compassionate side of medicine."

The Scrub Club program was developed by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) during 2012-2013 and is in its second year of implementation at Dover High School. Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area. For additional information on Scrub Club, please visit www.CHAHEC.org/programs or call (845) 883-7260.



Dover Scrub Club Students display their Bonnie Boxes

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