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Simsbury student helps others SKORE sports equipment

Hartford students will be geared up to hit the field this spring after receiving 20 boxes of donated sports equipment March 24 from a new Connecticut charity. Bronson Starsiak, co-founder and president of SKORE — Students Keen on Recycling Equipment, made the delivery to Nicole Porter, operations manager for athletics for the Office of School Improvement at Hartford Public Schools.

Starsiak, a junior at Simsbury High School, recently founded the non-profit organization with a group of students to give

fellow students the opportunity to participate in sports. The inspiration came as the teens talked about all of the unused sports equipment they have collected over the years as they have tried different sports.

“We know how expensive sports equipment can be, and we thought the expense might be preventing other kids from playing,” Starsiak explained.

The organization collected gently used balls, sticks, gloves, helmets and other gear for the kickoff of the spring sports season and chose Hartford Schools

as the first recipient.

“On behalf of Hartford Public Schools, we are very grateful to SKORE for the donation,” said Nicole Porter, “Team sports are important for students’ self-esteem and to build crucial social skills.”

SKORE is always looking for volunteers to become Team Members and for Team Leaders to start a SKORE chapter in their own schools. Team Members can help organize equipment collections, clean and sort equipment, and complete tasks assigned by their Team Leader.

Those interested in donating equipment or hosting a donation event can contact SKORE at skorebig.com.

Schools, churches, and other organizations in need of SKORE can reach out as well.

SKORE, Students Keen on Recycling Equipment, is a not-for-profit organization created by Simsbury high school students led by Bronson Starsiak and Jack Donofrio that collects gently used sports equipment for underprivileged kids.

Visit <http://skorebig.org/> for more information.



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Bronson Starsiak, Co-Founder and President of SKORE - Students Keen on Recycling Equipment, delivered 20 boxes of donated sports equipment on March 24 to Nicole Porter, Operations Manager for Athletics at Hartford Public Schools.

Boy Scouts receive grant from the Burlington Community Fund

Boy scouts in Burlington will have the tools and equipment needed to advance in rank and complete merit badges partially thanks to a \$500 grant from the Burlington Community Fund at Main Street Community Foundation. Specifically, the grant will be used to purchase shelving units for their trailer as well as cooking equipment.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 23 recently purchased

a new trailer that is in need of shelving units that safely distribute and anchors down the gear. With the new shelving and storage unit, all equipment will be able to be stored safely and the Boy Scouts can easily oversee and track its use. The Troop will also purchase camp stoves and griddles, which will allow more scouts to achieve cooking requirements for rank advancement and the required Eagle Merit Badge, Cooking.

The grant was awarded during a small ceremony in March at Lewis S. Mills High School. Janet and Jonathan Schwartz of the Burlington Community Fund Advisory Council presented the grant to Steven Sedgwick, Spencer Hendel and Jack Deeb of Troop 23.

The Burlington Community Fund was founded in 2011 by a group of committed community leaders in Burlington to create an endowment fund to

support charitable projects and programs that will enhance the quality of life for their neighbors. The Fund regularly assesses community needs and awards grants accordingly. In addition, the Fund holds an annual grant cycle with applications being made available July 15 and due September 15.

For more information, call 860-583-6363 or email office@mainstreetfoundation.org.



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NOTICE OF DISTRICT MEETING & REFERENDUM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 TOWNS OF HARWINTON AND BURLINGTON

A meeting to discuss the 2018/2019 Regional School District #10 Estimate of Expenses will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center.

A referendum for the electors and citizens qualified to vote will be held at the Burlington and Harwinton Town Halls on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote on the acceptance of the 2018/2019 Regional School District #10 budget in the amount of \$39,903,905. Absentee ballots will be available at the town halls starting April 12, 2018.

Copies of the budget will be available at the office of the Town Clerk in both Harwinton and Burlington.

Dated in Burlington this 27th day of March 2018.

Thomas Fausel, Chairperson
Regional School District #10
Board of Education



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