





Green Club Raising Awareness

Members of Manhasset High School's Green Club combined their passion for the environment with their desire to help others in a project to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, the nation's largest drug prevention and awareness program. As part of the community's 2nd Annual Pharmecutical Take-Back event, they joined with the Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse and the Town of North Hempstead to raise awareness of the negative environmental impact caused by improperly disposed of prescription drugs. The students distributed informational brochures to parents and senior citizens and made posters promoting the event to hang in the school. "It's important to raise awareness about this because many people don't understand that flushing their meds means that they can get into our drinking water," said Emily, Green Club co-president. The students encouraged community members to dispose of expired drugs through a local takeback program. In addition to raising awareness of environmental issues, the students tied red ribbons around trees on campus to promote substance abuse awareness and prevention through education. "We were so happy to be able to participate and give back to our community," said seniors Samantha Castellanos and Katie Barr.

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