

## St. Edmund Prep H.S. Heroes Step Forward



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Everybody needs a hero... that's why Veronika Moldovan and Alliah George, sophomores at St. Edmund Prep, Sheepshead Bay, started the Heroes Club at their school this year.

"We wanted to reach out to the elderly who don't have family members to support them emotionally," Moldovan said.

They recruited a group of 15 caring schoolmates and the new club was placed under the direction of Kevin Raphael, assistant principal.

All students who join the Heroes Club volunteer at SS. Joachim and Anne Nursing Home, Coney Island, where they spend time with residents and help get them involved in activities.

Recently, the Heroes raised enough money to create gift bags for all 200 patients in the nursing home. Inside each bag was a teddy bear, candy, cards and other goodies. Students also gave recognition to the ladies there in anticipation of Mother's Day and they have something special planned for the gentlemen for Father's Day.

"We are now working on raising more money and enticing more students to join so that we can touch the lives of many more people," George said.