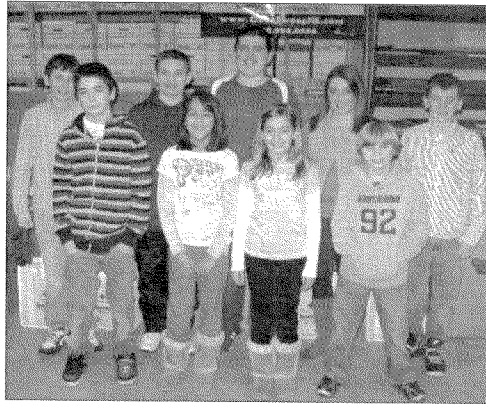


Kids of Clean Sweep

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The mission of the Red Cross is to provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare and respond to emergencies. Clean Sweep Restoration Services of New England LLC strives to do this every day.

Clean Sweep provides emergency clean up and restoration services after any disaster. Working with local fire and emergency services agencies, they are there when you need them.

The employees of Clean Sweep, with their President, Michael Cody, had been thinking of how they could give back to the community in which they operate. Through business operations, Clean Sweep sees displaced families every day and wanted to find a way to make the lives of these victims just a little bit easier. They found a way to do this by making Comfort Kits for the Red Cross to use at the scene of a disaster.

Comfort Kits contain personal hygiene and overnight needs for both adults and children. They include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, stuffed animals and other items that are given to families to help them get through the first 24-48 hours after a disaster.

The erratic nature of the disaster business was not allowing for the employees to find the time to do what they wanted and assemble the kits. Upon discussing with their families their desire to take on this project, the employees found that their children were more than willing and excited to be a part of making the Comfort Kits and making a difference in their community.

The children of Clean Sweep employees in Wallingford, have dedicated their time and energy to assembling almost 1,000 Comfort Kits for the American Red Cross. They come together after school and on weekends to manage the tedious process of putting together all of items that go into Adult and Child Comfort Kits. They have committed to continue this effort on an ongoing basis and are Heroes in the eyes of all who know them.

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