

## Community news: Veterans get valentines from seniors, students

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Multigenerational Cupids are completed works of art, filled gift bags and recorded a singalong at Smith Village and St. Cajetan School. Their goal is to brighten the lives of 33 veterans who benefit from mental health programs at the Road Home Program at Rush University

Medical Center.

Chicago Ald. Matt O'Shea, Smith Village residents and St. Cajetan School students team up to spread love with fifth annual Valentines for Vets event earlier this month.



Marge Henry, on piano, joins, from left, Howard Swanson, Jean Swanson, Merle Todd and Alice Keame in a singalong for the fifth annual Valentine's for Vets program. at Smith Village in Chicago's Morgan Park community. (Marc Monaghan photo)



The Valentines for Vets team completed individual paintings for 33 veterans by uniting handprints of a Smith Village resident and a St. Cajetan student to form a heart surrounded with a message of encouragement while filling decorated gift bags and creating greeting cards

containing personal messages for each veteran.

In addition, Smith Village residents recoded songs such as “This Land is Your Land” and “You Are My Sunshine” to play for the Road Home Program.

### **Lincoln-Way artists participate in national exhibition**

Students in Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210 competed in the 2021 Scholastic Art Competition.

The Scholastic Art Show is the most recognized and prestigious high school art exhibition in the nation, according to the district. In the Southland, 46 area schools submitted 1,739 works of art with only 475 pieces awarded and accepted into the show.

Lincoln-Way West student Jenna Davis and Lincoln-Way Central student Haley Ramos won Gold Awards and will have their work judged at the national level in New York.

Alexandria Bryant of Lincoln-Way East, Amani Hammoud of Lincoln-Way Central and Delaney Zack of Lincoln-Way West also won awards in the exhibition.



Lincoln-Way Central student Haley Ramos won a Gold Award in the 2021 Scholastic Art Competition and will move on to compete at the national level. - Original Credit: School District 230 (School District photo)