



## **Over Fifty Students Volunteered to “Give Back” as Part of Annual Event**

*Pinkerton Academy students participated in this year’s Youth Day of Giving Back*

**Derry, NH, June 15, 2014** – On May 28<sup>th</sup>, over fifty students from Pinkerton Academy volunteered their time and energy to seven local non-profit organizations as part of the annual Youth Day of Giving Back event. Organized by The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center; and Pinkerton Academy, the Youth Day of Giving Back is an annual day of service meant to provide volunteer opportunities for youth. Instead of learning in the classroom, for one day, the community itself takes the role of teacher.

“The Youth Day of Giving Back is a great opportunity for our students to get involved in their community,” remarked Roger Konstant, Associate Dean of Students at Pinkerton Academy. “We have several seniors that have been involved all four years of their Pinkerton career, a testament to how much our students enjoy being involved in the day, but more so their community.”

This year, students assembled tents, cleaned outdoor areas, prepared spaces for display, cleaned food pantry kitchens, disinfected children’s toys, washed windows, reorganized spaces, and performed general maintenance and beautification activities. The organizations in which they served include The Upper Room, Camp Carpenter, Community Caregivers, Derry History Museum, Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, Southern NH Montessori Academy, and Vintage Grace.

“I can easily say that the Youth Day of Giving Back is one of our favorite events of the year,” stated Kimberly Bavaro, Executive Director of The Upper Room. “It creates a connection between students and their community, and provides a wonderful learning opportunity. We love seeing familiar faces participate every year.”

To view photos from this year’s event, visit <http://goo.gl/nav6lx>.

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### **About The Upper Room**

Founded in 1986, The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center is a non-profit 501(C) 3 organization committed to creating educational programs and services, which strengthen individuals, families and the community. Our center is a warm, welcoming place where families receive information and support not only in times of crisis but on a day-to-day basis. There are no barriers, income guidelines or geographic limitations to participation. Our doors are open to all who come to them. For more information, call (603) 437-8477, or visit our website at [www.URteachers.org](http://www.URteachers.org)