



## Over 160 Christmas Trees Recycled in Planet Manhasset's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event!

It was a scene out of Currier and Ives: the first giant flakes of the snowstorm gently decorating the newly bare branches of Christmas trees as they were unloaded from cars and prepared to return to the earth in the form of mulch; smiling volunteers sipping hot cocoa and coffee as they shared hand warmers and stories of family holiday excursions; kids running to and fro as they alternated between playing and lending a hand; and donors pulling up with their trees creatively tied on to, pushed into, and in one case, dragged along side of their cars.

And over the course of three hours spent together in convivial spirits, ignoring the bitter cold temperature and warmly welcoming each new arrival, the volunteers joined in recycling over 160 Christmas trees, an increase of over 30 trees from last year. Many came with bags in hand to take mulch home for their gardens.

Frank Hefferin of Hefferin Tree Service, along with his upbeat and energetic workers, led the effort. Reverend Jimmy Only lent the parking lot of The Congregational Church and Karen Greene of Whole Foods set up a beautiful display of goodies. It was a wonderful winter morning, made even more special through the collective spirit of all involved.

For more information on the SCA and its committees, please visit [www.manhassetzca.org](http://www.manhassetzca.org); to contact Planet Manhasset, enter the SCA website, then simply click on "Planet Manhasset" to enter the committee's micro-site, or email [PlanetManhasset@yahoo.com](mailto:PlanetManhasset@yahoo.com).

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