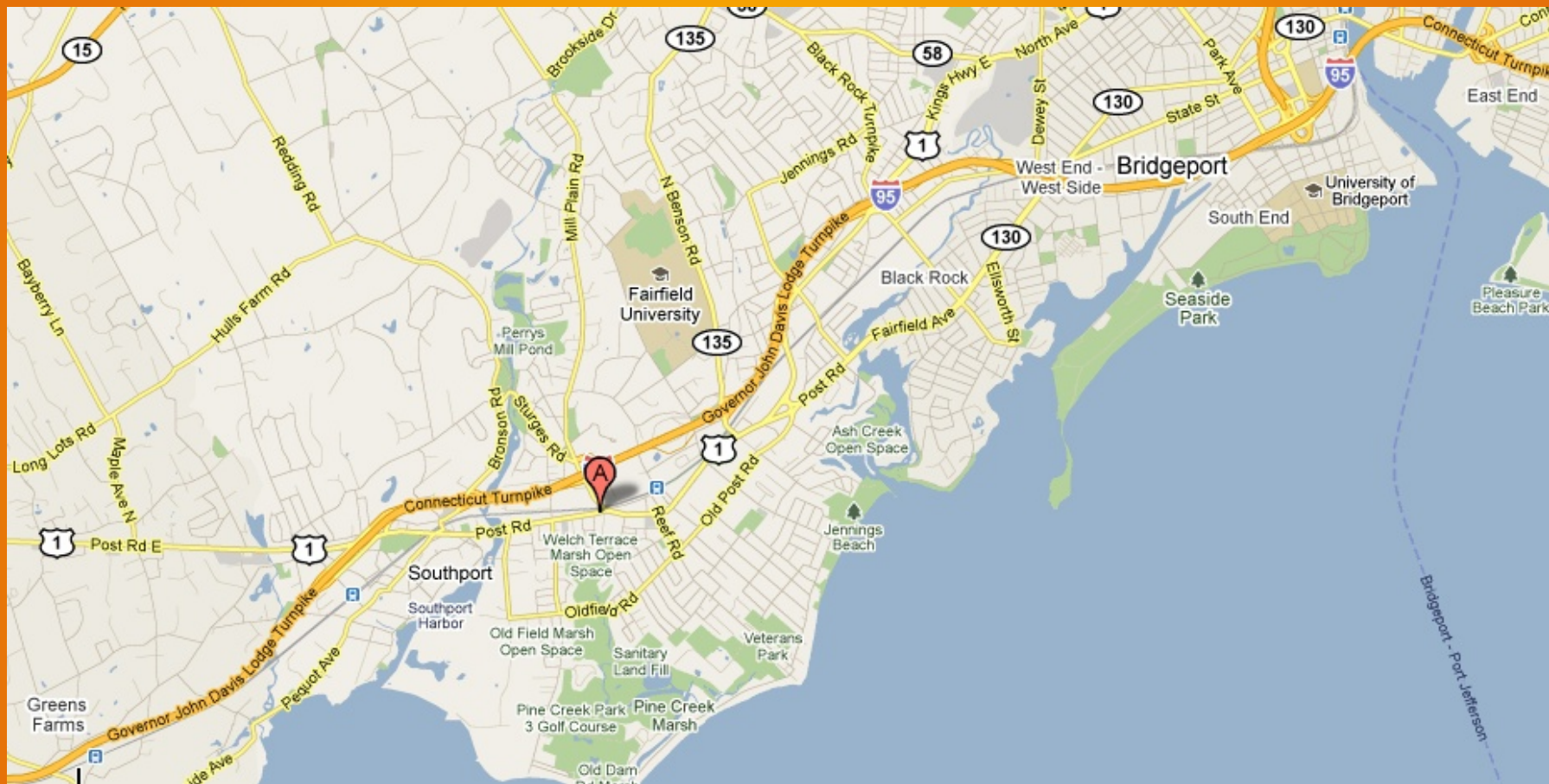


# Community Helpers

Interviews by the students of 2RO

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Uh-oh! There's a raccoon awake during the day! Meet Bob. He has dart guns because he is an animal control officer. The dart gun puts the animal to sleep so he can take it to the doctor. He also uses catch poles and dog leashes. His most exciting day was when he saved 133 animals in one home. Most were dogs, some were cats, and two were hamsters. He was trained through the town and the state. Without animal control, there would be sick animals in your yard and town.



Dr. Willis told me her most exciting moment as a veterinarian. She said, "Ding... ding ... the phone was ringing. I picked up the phone. *"There is a lion that has cancer. Come quick!"* said her assistant. "I am on my way," said Dr. Willis. She took her medical kit out and her gloves and lab coat. She put it in the car and drove away. "I got there. I saw the lion!!!" she said. She grabbed her medical kit and ran to the lion. She grabbed some tools. Boom ... boom ... boom ... suddenly the heart beat stopped and the lion fell. It had died. Dr. Willis was very upset. She knew she had tried. She likes helping pets get well and she sees something different every day. If we didn't have vets like Dr. Willis there would be sick pets all over the community.



Woof! Woof! Meet Dr. Marsh at Greenfield Hill Animal Hospital. At the vet's office, lots of dogs and cats are making noises. Lots of things are going on; like surgeries, fixing broken legs and so much more. It's a nice job. It's hard to take care of all the animals. When he has surgeries it is a little bit harder because the animals have more pain in them because something bad happened to them. He needs to use some equipment like a stethoscope and so many other kinds of tools. Whenever a different kind of animal comes in, they always have something different wrong with them. So many dogs and cats and many other kinds of animals would be sick if we didn't have vets.



It was a snowy night. Woosh woosh! The wind was blowing. The dogs were barking and the kittens were scratching at the metal doors. The wind howled. The trees blew. Amanda could not go home! She was stuck in a giant snow storm at the animal shelter where she worked. She was with her pet dog and the other pets. She had to stay with the pets. The dogs barked louder and louder. The door was stuck with all the snow. Amanda went to check on all the pets.



When she went to see the dogs...they barked and jumped up and down. She fed them dinner. Then she went to see if the door would open. Crunch crunch went the snow. It was still stuck. Amanda walked up and down the hallway. She thought about how happy and warm the animals in Florida were. The trees rustled together. "Prrrr prrrr." The kittens were cold. Amanda went to get a blanket. The dogs were resting. It was peaceful and quiet. Amanda made sure that the kittens' cage doors were locked. Then she went to check on the dogs. When they saw her they were so happy. Woof Woof! After that she went to her office to rest. It was scary but peaceful and quiet. Amanda likes her job. She likes animals and she loves taking care of them. Amanda's dog has gray fur and black spots. There is a bunny and a guinea pig that do not like to be separated. When Amanda tried thinking of them, she felt happy. "Wow! This is fun staying overnight!" said Amanda. The pets had fallen asleep. If we did not have anyone like Amanda, the pets would be cold and tired and hungry.



Do you have any Nate the Great books? Leslie Mantani can help you find the right book. She is a librarian at the Pequot Library. She checks out books, helps people find books, and takes care of Pequot's bunny named Bella. She learned her job when she went to college and studied library science. She gets to work with people and with other librarians, too. She likes to learn more every day and gets to serve in the community. Some times she can't find information for people but she always tries. Her most exciting day was the Children's Book Festival. If there were not librarians we wouldn't be smart because we wouldn't have books.



"Good morning children!" Meet Beverly Crudgington. She works everyday except Wednesday and the weekends. She is a head teacher and works at Methodist Nursery School. She teaches the fours class. She learned to do her job by going to school. She only needs to wear playing clothes. The upside of her job is she helps the children to learn new things and read books. The downside of her job is sometimes she gets paint on her clothes and it's sometimes hard to figure out how to help somebody. If we did not have people like Beverly Crudgington, pre-schoolers would not know how to learn to learn.





Don't forget to fix the computer!  
Meet Jeff, director of systems engineering. He goes to meetings and works with thousands of computers and builds networks. He went to college and got an engineering degree and he works 24/7. He uses computers and cables. He thinks engineering is like building with big Legos. When you are an engineer you always get to work with new people. If there weren't people like him, there would not be networks which are important for building a super-smart computer that is never slow.



**BANG, BANG, BANG!** Chris Rosow builds stuff like houses and patios. He knocks down houses and then builds a new one, like mine. Chris Rosow designed and built my house last year. He puts in windows, doors, and stairs. He never gets a vacation. His most exciting day is when he starts a new project and when he finishes it. He needs lots of equipment like trucks, tools, and machines. If we did not have workers like him I would be living in a tiny house and be sharing a room with my brother! **YUCK!**





Woof! Woof! The vet is coming! Meet Dr. Robertson. She is a veterinarian. She takes care of sick and healthy pets. She had to go to eight years of college! One of the most important things Dr. Robertson needs is a stethoscope. She uses it to listen to animals' hearts. She says she sees something different every day! She loves to see so many cute animals, but she does not like to see so many sick animals. Believe it or not she has saved a puppy's life when everyone thought it was already dead. She kept it as a pet after! She knew she wanted to be a veterinarian when she was only three years old. If we didn't have vets we would have sick pets all over our town.



It was very scary and exciting. The police car was going very fast with lights and sirens blaring. Meet Officer Kevin Wells and his canine partner, Ruger. They are chasing down a bad guy wanted in Massachusetts. He is wanted for a terrible crime. Ruger and Officer Wells also make sure people are not speeding. Some important tools that he needs to do his job are his taser, gun, radio, handcuffs, Billy club and extra bullets. Officer Wells says the most interesting thing about his job is that every day is something new. When Ruger and Officer Wells are off duty they live at Officer Well's house. Ruger only follows German commands from Officer Wells. If we didn't have Officer Wells there would be crimes everywhere in our town.





Uh-oh, you have a new pet? You need to go to Kiera. She is a manager at Petco. She learned how to do her job because Petco has a special training program and she had a lot of cats and dogs. They are her favorite pets. Kiera can help you with your pet like choosing the right food, finding toys, and other supplies it needs. She also finds homes for pets. Her favorite day is when someone buys one of her pets. If we didn't have people like Kiera, your pet would not be as healthy and wouldn't have the supplies it needs.



Don't forget to read books! Can I help you find a book? I interviewed a librarian. Her name is Karen. She is the Director of the Fairfield Public Library. She orders books to put them in the library. Her favorite thing about her job is meeting new people and learning new things. If everybody could not get books you couldn't get a lot of facts and then you wouldn't get that smart.





Do you like fast cars? Then Nicholas Coclin is the right person for you! He is a Certified Ambassador for Porsche of Fairfield. He has a lot of special training and he has 15 certificates from Porsche. Nicolas works with customers to help them with their dream of buying a Porsche. That's my dream, too! Every day he gets to drive the greatest cars in the world. He gets to go all over the world to Porsche events including the Porsche Driving School. If we didn't have Porsche salesmen we couldn't buy very fast cars.



Oh, I'm hot! Meet Debbie. She works at Sweet Frog Yogurt. Her most exciting day was the grand opening of the store. All the employees were there wearing Sweet Frog tee-shirts. She trained for one week. She fills up the yogurt handle. She loves meeting new customers and employees. Debbie loves her job. She doesn't have anything bad to say about it. She recommended the Georgia Peach ice cream. I tried it, it was good. If we didn't have ice cream workers we wouldn't have ice cream to cool us down when we're hot.





"Open wide," the orthodontic assistant said. If you need your teeth straightened call Yana. She is an orthodontic assistant in Westport. She helps the orthodontist fix teeth and straighten teeth. She went to college and the doctor gave her training. Yana uses dental instruments to make beautiful smiles. Without Yana peoples' teeth would be crooked. Yana always makes people smile.



Mmmm... this is making me so hungry! Meet Mrs. Jaffe! She is the owner of Sweet and Simple. She wears clogs so her feet don't get wet. She also wears a hat and apron. She uses lots of kitchen equipment. She loves her job because she works with people she likes, gets to do what she loves, and gets to see her friends. If we didn't have workers like Mrs. Jaffe you would not have places to buy your birthday cake!





When I grow up I want to be an account executive like Rich. I would like to have a car, and a laptop, and an Ipad, and a phone like him! He handles advertising for small to large businesses throughout lower New York and Connecticut. Rich likes meeting new business owners and helping their businesses grow. He doesn't like when clients yell at him! If we didn't have account executives like Rich we wouldn't be able to see what new stuff comes out for us to buy.



That law is not fair! You should call Rebecca. She is a legal counsel for the New York State Senate. She went to law school. Her job is hard. She makes sure that the laws that are made are fair. Rebecca likes helping people. She helped a mom stay in America by sending letters to the government. If we didn't have lawyers like Rebecca we would have bad laws.



Thank you for  
helping us  
and we hope you  
enjoyed our  
presentation!

## Second Grade Community Rap

Community, community, C-O-M-M-UNITY

Policemen, firemen, keeping us safe.

Community, Community, such a nice place.

Rural roads, city highways, sub-urban streets.

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, beep, beep, beep.

Community, community, C-O-M-M-UNITY

Reuse and recycle, keep our earth clean

Mother Nature's happy when the grass is green

Hospitals, schools, train stations too

Helps us, teaches us, brings me to you

Southport, Bridgeport, Fairfield ROCKS

We're # 1 and We're on top!

Community, community, C-O-M-M-UNITY, COMMUNITY!