



**WAKEMAN  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

## **Wakeman Torch Club Plants Trees in Community to Celebrate Arbor Day**

Inspired by National Arbor Day, the Southport Clubhouse's Torch Club planted five dogwood trees around Fairfield on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The four-to-five foot trees were planted by six members of the Torch Club. The trees, generously donated by Urbani Landscaping, found new homes at Southport Park, Sherman Elementary School, Mill Hill Elementary School, Eagle Hill School and the Pequot Library.

Camden, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Torch Club member explained, "I dug dirt, planted the tree and surrounded it with mulch for the tree we planted at Sherman School. That tree will always be there now and I hope students from Sherman will recognize how important it is to help our environment and be inspired to plant their own trees in the future."

National Arbor Day - traditionally held on the last Friday in April - is an annual observance that accentuates and celebrates the role of trees in our environment and promotes tree planting and care.

"This was a great opportunity for the members of Torch Club to positively and tangibly impact the community as well as learn valuable lessons about the importance trees have in our environment, all in the spirit of Arbor Day," said Torch Club Co-Advisor Ruben Goodwin.

"We're also grateful to Urbani Landscaping for their donation which not only beautifies the area but also teaches our Torch Club members that all community members can play a role."

The Southport Torch Club, chartered by Boys and Girls Clubs of America, is a community service organization comprised of 84 seventh and eighth grade students who complete volunteer service on a monthly basis. From conducting game room tournaments, concession stands and special activities at the Clubhouse to cooking dinner at local soup kitchens, fundraising for charities and assisting local school events, Torchers make a difference through dozens of projects annually.

To check out the Southport Torch Club's frequent projects benefitting Wakeman members and the local community, follow them on Instagram at @wakemantorchclub

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