

# Holiday Workshop Held At Village School



**The students made stockings for children from Mercy First**

On December 20, the Village Elementary School Student Council, in conjunction with the PTA Community Outreach committee, held its Fifth Annual Holiday Workshop for the Sponsor - A - Child program.

The Student Council, along with fifth grade students, and a Village School Girl Scout Troop, wrapped gifts, stuffed stockings, made cards and boxed homemade cookies for children from Mercy First, a home for boys and girls displaced or abandoned by their families.

The participating students experienced the important lesson of giving to those less fortunate, and in turn, were treated to a showing of goodwill by some of the residents from Mercy First.

A portion of the residential program affords the children the opportunity to train therapy dogs. The student trainers and dogs treated the Village students to a demonstration and Q&A session. The students witnessed, firsthand, the evident responsibility, hard work and compassion needed on the part of the dog-trainers in the program at Mercy First.

The Holiday Workshop program was indeed a win-win for all involved, as it provided the Village students and the children from Mercy First, with a true sense of community, holiday spirit and gratitude.

