

**Wounded Warrior Project Supporter Profile: Pearl River High 8th and 9th Grade English Students**  
PEARL RIVER, N.Y., April 24, 2017 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Generous donors from all walks of life and of all ages allow Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) to provide free, life-changing programs and services to injured veterans, their caregivers, and family members. Recently, English teacher Doreen Arney supported WWP through a class exercise with her students.

"One of the hardest habits to break for my 8th- and 9th-grade students is to eliminate the 'likes' and 'ums' from their speech," Doreen said. "My solution was to create a 'banned words jar.' Then I encouraged students to donate a penny to the jar for each offense. To motivate them, I offered to match the amount in the jar at the end of the quarter, and they could pick a charity that would receive the amount collected."

The students proved eager to improve their speaking mannerisms while also supporting a cause they believe in.

"I was motivated to help Wounded Warrior Project because of my veteran grandfather," said Allison, a student in Doreen's class. "He was a Marine, and my entire life he has taught me how important soldiers are to our country. He told me about how difficult it is to be in the military, and I know it is important to help and support those who risk their lives to protect us."

Students of all ages can support warriors served by WWP by starting a [Student Ambassadors](#) fundraising campaign. WWP programs and services assist with mental health, physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, connecting warriors with one another and their communities, and long-term care for the most seriously wounded.

"I wanted to help Wounded Warrior Project because I believe that is an amazing cause," said Colleen, another student in Doreen's class. "America's veterans should be treated with the utmost respect and dignity. People need to help them in any way possible to make their recoveries as easy as possible."

To learn more about how WWP's programs and services connect, serve, and empower wounded warriors, visit <https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

### **About Wounded Warrior Project**

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) connects, serves, and empowers wounded warriors.

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