

## Press Release

### **Torrington High School Announces Modified “Raiders Rally” for Local Charities**

The students at Torrington High School would like the community to know - “We’re all in this together.” This pandemic has been a challenge for all, but the THS student body is determined to move forward with the Raiders Rally for Torrington, their biannual, (Covid-friendly) fundraiser for local service organizations.

For this field day event, which takes place on June 4th, 2021, students raise \$10 or donate 10 items to participate in planned games and activities. All proceeds are split between three local non-profit organizations: FISH, Friendly Hands Food Bank, and Susan B. Anthony. Participants are encouraged to seek sponsorship for their entry donation, but can choose to donate themselves.

A student organizing group of juniors and sophomores are responsible for building the event website, promoting the event, reaching out to local businesses for donations, and arranging logistics for the day.

“It is a real leadership experience,” says THS alum and former student organizer Olivia Smith. Smith and two classmates were the co-advisors of the 2019 event, which involved over 600 students and raised \$16,000.

The Rally has run every two years since 2013 and has raised over \$60,000 dollars for local charities. Students were concerned Covid restrictions would prevent this year’s event, but worked hard to plan the day with safety in mind. “People need our help,” commented Junior Leah Darby, the Operations Manager. “We might not be able to raise as much money this year, but it is even more important to try.”

Classmate, and Website Designer, Jesse Barrera agrees. “The students need the event, too. It has been a hard year, and this will be good for morale.” A school-wide spirit week and class challenge will accompany the event.

Anyone looking for more information can contact the faculty advisor, Erin Sullivan, at [esullivan@torrington.org](mailto:esullivan@torrington.org). The Rally website, which should be up and running by Monday, May 17, is [thsraidersrally.com](http://thsraidersrally.com)

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