



Arden Burns, 3, helps a Madonna Manor resident Colette Sharp with snack during a joint activity at the Manor Sept. 11.

VILLA MADONNA MONTESSORI STUDENTS MAKE NON TRADITIONAL FRIENDS

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VILLA HILLS – The children at Villa Madonna Montessori are making some new friends. These aren't ordinary friends on the playground – but elderly residents at Madonna Manor. The two groups came together after Jennifer Frank, activities director at the Manor, wanted to offer a fun way for residents to celebrate Grandparents Day this year.

Frank said she wanted the event to be informal and comfortable for the kids. A group of 10 children from the Montessori took a walking field trip to meet their new friends and got to share cookies, juice and sing songs and play games. The group together created a Grandparents Day poster together.

Frank said the residents are still talking about the fun they had with the little ones.

“The children were amazing,” she said. “It was so beautiful how everyone opened up to each other in such a natural way!”

VMM Director Stacey Brosky hopes to continue with an intergenerational event every month, and the children plan to come trick or treating at the Manor in October.

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