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Narbonne High students knit scarves for homeless women

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Students in Lyn Almustafa's summer health class at Narbonne High knit scarves to give to a battered women's shelter. (Scott Varley / Staff Photographer)

Along with a couple dozen students in his summer health class at Narbonne High School, Omar is learning to knit. The multicolored scarves they produce - from donated knitting needles and yarn - will be donated to homeless women who are victims of domestic violence.



Volunteer Leslye Borden, left, has taught the Narbonne High students, including Amy Campos, how to knit. (Scott Varley / Staff Photographer)

It's a project started last year by students at the Human Services Academy, one of the small learning communities on the Harbor City campus.

Handmade Especially For You, a nonprofit founded by Rancho Palos Verdes resident Leslye Borden, is guiding the students. The group has donated nearly 5,000 scarves to women in Los Angeles County shelters this year.

Teacher Lyn Almustafa has been surprised and pleased by the students' enthusiasm. On Thursday, they started knitting before she had even called class to order. "It's the passion of helping someone and learning a skill for themselves," Almustafa said.

For more information or to donate to the project, go to handmadeespecially.org.

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