Players from the 2017 Walter Camp All-American Football Team brought smiles to the faces of students at the Feroleto Children’s Development Center in Trumbull on Jan. 12.

“We have been extremely fortunate to have the Walter Camp All Americans visit our school each year,” said Raymond Baldwin, president and CEO.

The tradition began 19 years ago and still continues to delight students as these gentle giants enter each classroom to autograph footballs and pose for photos.

“I'm not sure who gets more excited, our staff or our students,” Baldwin said. “They begin preparing for the visit early in January by creating welcome posters that hang at the entrance to each classroom.”

The visits are planned each year by the Walter Camp Foundation to ground the young athletes, a few of whom may be destined to become big name professional players, and bring into focus the needs of others less fortunate.

St. Vincent’s Special Needs Services is a trusted provider of lifelong education and therapeutic services.

A special education school, based in Trumbull, is an alternative placement option for children, ages 3-21, with developmental disabilities, special health care needs and students with autism spectrum disorders.

Physical, occupational, speech/language and aquatic therapy are all offered as part of each student’s individualized education plan.