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Two Somali women were among a group of students visiting the Tacoma Community House, a nonprofit agency that serves immigrants and refugees.

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