

**Welcome  
to the 2010 Annual  
Teen Recognition Awards  
Banquet and Ceremony**

The Livingston County Teen Recognition Awards process was created by the Livingston County Youth Board in 1995. These awards are earned by teens, age 14 to graduation, who have demonstrated compassion, commitment to community improvement, or overcome personal challenges and are now a role model to others. These are the youth in your community who quietly, or not so quietly, go about making the world around them a little more special by their actions and attitudes. Since 1995, over 800 youth who have had a positive influence in Livingston County have been recognized.



# PROGRAM

*Please open the treasure chest on your table  
complete the activity and feel free  
to take resource materials*

**6:15 PM: All 2010 award winners report  
outside to entry way steps for group photo**

<b>Opening</b>	<b>Ted Saunders, Chairman</b> <i>Livingston County Youth Board</i>
<b>Pledge to the Flag</b>	<b>Lima Boy Scout Troop 4029</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>James Merrick</b> <i>Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors</i>

## BUFFET DINNER

<b>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</b>	<b>Ian Coyle</b> <i>County Administrator</i>
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	<b>Casey Luft</b> Award Recipient, 1997 and 2001
<b>Awards</b>	<b>Keith Mitchell</b> <i>Director, Livingston County Youth Bureau, and presented by members of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors and members of the Livingston County Youth Board</i>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>EDIFY members</b>
<b>Closing</b>	<b>Howard Mankoff</b> <i>Vice-chairman, of the Livingston Youth Board</i>

## Keynote Speaker **Casey Luft**

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### **Past Award Recipient 1997 and 2001**

**Casey Luft** received a teen recognition award in 1997 and 2001. In 2001 she was nominated by Middy Zemans, school counselor at Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School. Casey had spent 3 years developing and implementing a project to help children in the Dominican Republic. This project began when Casey's family vacationed in this country and realized that life for the residents was very different than that of the people vacationing in the resorts. Casey enlisted the help of classmates to collect school supplies and toys. These items were donated to an orphanage.

Casey's nomination also describes the help she provided to neighbors such as free babysitting for a single parent and assisting an elderly woman with errands. She was an excellent student and used her talents to tutor other students in Spanish.

In 2001 Casey graduated from Honeoye Falls-Lima High School and in 2005, graduated summa cum laude from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. She received a dual bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Spanish with a minor in Sociology. Casey currently works as a Client Manager for NCO Financial Systems for which she travels extensively.

Her work in the Dominican Republic has continued throughout 15 years including the collection and delivery of school supplies. Casey co-founded Dominican Hope, a non-profit organization that now supports educational endeavors in the Dominican Republic. As the Communications Director of the organization, she met with officials of Porta Plata who told the family about the need for pre-schools for 2-5 year olds. Dominican Hope continues to raise funds with a goal of building a pre-school that will provide children with meals, medical care and preparation for school.

## 2010 Recipients of the Livingston County Teen Recognition Awards

Holly Adams	Shelby Hatfield	Alex Roberts
Alberto Agosto	Ryan Hierlwimmer	Matthew Sackett
Cassandra Allen	Jason Hill	Lindsay Saltsman
Katherine Allkofer	Kayla Hinz	Brock Saltsman
Madison Amey	Greg Hoodak	Saarah Shakeel
Kirstyn Applin	Mackenzie Ikler	Lauren Sherman
Brian Babbitt	Courtney Irons	Andrew Short
Charles Nick Bonner	Lauren Jaenecke	Jacqueline Simmons
Ryan Buckman	Brady Jeffords	Kendra Smith
Jacob Campbell	Morgan Joseph	Rischandra Smith
Shane Carman	Sarah Kaczmarek	Ryan Smith
Erin Carroll	Matthew Kelly	Sean Smith
Jacquie Carson	Courtney Knauber	Kyle Smith
Thomas Coates	Hannah Livingston	Nick Snyder
Joeseph R Coburn	Jenna Lynn	Emilie Soble
Zachery Coffey	Kara MacIntyre	Liana Spicciati
Zachariah Cramer	Scott MacLeod	Allison Stead
Julia DeMarte	Evan Magnussen	Kasey Stein
Rachel Doe	Robert Mankoff	Courtney Stein
Emily English	Shelby Mankoff	Anthony Streams
Rachel Feathers	Danielle McBride	Jessica Sutton
Kenny Fenderson	Amanda Mitchell	Nicholas Tatakis
Kristen Ferries	David Murphy-Longhini	Trista Teitsworth
Hannah Finch	Mackenzie Mynter	Austin Scott Tucker
Jasmine Gaddy	Ryan Nation	Greg Ulbright
Raymond Gascon	Shaun O'Dea	Carly Underwood
Amanda Gath	Jared Page	Adam Veazey
Tyler Geraci	Sarah Peck	Neal Vecellio
Seth Graham	Christopher Peterson	Sam Walter
Ashley Grant	Regis Pollard	Hannah Watkins
Joshua Graves	Shaan Qureshi	Rita Lily Wheeler
Johnathan Gustavson	Ashley Reed	Felicia Wysocarski
Mary Hanchar		Frederick Yates

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

*From National Youth Development Information Center*

**Youth Development, Noun.** A process which prepares young people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and experiences which help them to become socially, morally, emotionally, physically, and cognitively competent. Positive youth development addresses the broader developmental needs of youth, in contrast to deficit-based models which focus solely on youth problems. (National Collaborations for Youth Members, 1998.)

**Positive youth development** is an ongoing process that enables children and adolescents to meet their personal and social needs and build the skills and competencies to allow them to lead healthy, satisfying, and productive lives. It entails a commitment to enabling all young people to achieve their potential and is characterized by a positive, strength-building approach. By building internal competencies, successful youth development approaches strengthen protective factors for youth that are at-risk.

Positive youth development is done **with and by youth**, not to or for them, in a wide variety of organizations. Youth development programs give young people the chance to make decisions about their own participation, about the program and to assume responsible roles. They engage young people in constructive and challenging activities that build their competence and foster supportive relationships with peers and with adults. Youth development programs are developmentally appropriate and endure over time, requiring them to be adaptable enough to accommodate their participants' changing needs.

### **Principles**

- 1.The goal is more than prevention.
- 2.The process is enduring, comprehensive, and engages all youth.
- 3.Strategies (treatments, interventions, services, or programs) go beyond the basics.
- 4.Youth development happens everywhere.
- 5.Vision is required, not just coordination.

*All youth are developing;  
all youth have strengths, all youth have needs,  
all youth can contribute to their communities;  
all youth are valued.*

**40 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS**  
**A Youth Development Tool**

The Search Institute is an independent research and education organization based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Search Institute has surveyed over 100,000 youth and has created a **youth development approach based on the developmental assets**, a set of building blocks that all young people need. The Search Institute identified **40 developmental assets** which can be used as a framework to talk about what youth need, as well as a way to measure how our young people are doing.

The Search Institute is dedicated to promoting the well-being of children and adolescents. They conduct research and evaluation, develop publications and practical tools, provide training, and promote long-term community change that supports the healthy development of all children.

The developmental assets represent everyday wisdom about positive experiences and characteristics for young people. Search research has found that these assets are powerful influences on adolescent behavior—both protecting young people from many different problem behaviors and promoting positive attitudes and behaviors. This power is evident across all cultural and socioeconomic groups of youth. There is also evidence from other research that assets have the same kind of power for younger children.

**Ideally, youth would have 31 of the 40 assets.  
Only 9 percent have this level.  
More than half of our youth have fewer than 21 assets.  
Do you want to know more about how to increase  
the number of assets in youth?  
Call the Youth Bureau at 243-6909.**

# EDIFY

## **An opportunity for youth participation**

Recipients of a Teen Recognition Award  
are invited to become members of:

*Educating and Directing Influential Forces with Youth  
Livingston County Youth Leadership Council*

**WHO:** Unique teens from all over Livingston county. You can be an individual and be respected, grown-ups listen to kids!

**WHAT:** Informal monthly meetings of 10-20 youth, fun activities, chat time, community projects, opportunities to express youth ideas to adults and government officials, a great way to meet new friends, and don't forget the free snacks!!

**HOW:** Just come to a meeting or call for more information.

**WHEN:** Meetings are 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 8 PM,  
Livingston County Government Center, Room 105, Geneseo

**WHY:** Make new friends from all over the county and even the state · Attend field trips and conferences · Earn community service credits required by school · Get references and experience for jobs and college · Gain confidence in sharing opinions with a group · Learn where to go for help and services · Develop teamwork and leadership skills · Make a difference for Livingston County ·  
***Have fun!***

### ***Interested?***

*Call Rachel Pena with Healthy Communities that Care at 748-5146  
Or Nita Hawkins, LC Youth Bureau at 243-6909  
or [nhawkins@co.livingston.ny.us](mailto:nhawkins@co.livingston.ny.us)  
Check it out on facebook—Edify Livingston*

## **Summaries of 2010 Recipients**

An asterisk (\*) designates that the youth received two separate nominations. Youth summaries are organized by township with youth from out of the county entered with the community they impact.

## ***Avon***

Madison Amey is a self-motivated and mature young lady who volunteers much of her time and talent to her church. She works on fundraisers and events, prepares and presents power points for church services and is a teacher assistant for Sunday School. Madison spent many Saturdays helping the church remodel the fellowship hall. She is involved in community work such as the building of the Avon Community Fitness and Nature Trail, a trail created and maintained by the Avon community. In school, Madison is a member of the drama club where she performs and is involved in sustaining the group. Her smile and cheerful personality make her a welcome addition to any project and a role model for others.

*Nominated by Susan Moses and Ginny House, Avon United Methodist Church members*

**Brian Babbitt** is a remarkable young man. He has dedicated his time to several volunteer efforts at events including the Special Olympics, senior citizen dances, and numerous other events through National Honor Society and Interact Club. Brian is also an exemplary student. He has been on the honor roll and high honor roll, and is involved in sports year-round. Brian is a leader – he balances a heavy workload at school, extracurricular activities, and volunteer work. He also has an outstanding quality, a sense of knowing when people need help. Brian always offers assistance to those who need it.

*Nominated by Linda Kime, Rotary Interact Club Advisor*

**Rachel Feathers** is a cheerful young woman who is always willing to lend a hand. She is kind to animals, and participates in the BOCES Animal Science Program. She volunteers to care for the neighbor's horse and goat. Rachel also spends much of her time listening to and caring for her peers and community. She is a mentor to peers and younger children, volunteers at the Mt. Morris Reading Program, and volunteers at holiday programs for Livingston County children. Throughout household challenges, Rachel has maintained an open mind, love, and understanding. Rachel is a role model who demonstrates sincere empathy for others.

*Nominated by Gina Montanye, Case Manager*

**Jasmine Gaddy** is a strong, positive individual. She has overcome a lot in her life, but has not let the adversity from her past get her down, and

she continues to make strides in her life despite her past trauma. She is a positive influence and role model to her younger brother. Jasmine is involved at school, participating in JV soccer and JV cheerleading, and she also maintains a steady job at a dog grooming salon. Jasmine is a unique girl who exemplifies the qualities of a teen who should be recognized for overcoming the personal challenges she has faced.

*Nominated by Donna Mankoff, Livingston County DSS Caseworker*

**Mary C. Hanchar** is an extremely dedicated young woman. Although she already has a large academic workload, Mary has an active role in numerous extracurricular activities. She mentors younger students once a week, has been an active member of Interact, volunteers within her church, and is a member of the student council. Mary has a love of dancing and horseback riding, and still finds time to do both. Mary is an amazing young lady who leads by example and motivates others with her actions.

*Nominated by Linda Kime, Rotary Interact Club Advisor*

**Courtney Knauber** is a selfless and genuinely kind young woman who entered foster care at age four and has had many challenges in her young life. However, she has risen above her personal issues and has proven to be an amazing young woman. Courtney is involved in organizations such as President's Club, the Culture Club, and FOR club, an organization formed in memory of Rachel Scott, a Columbine victim. She also does volunteer work, such as helping to provide a dinner at the Elijah in Leicester and fundraising for those in need such as African AIDs orphans and Missing and Exploited Children. Courtney is also an honor roll student. She is a genuine leader, a person willing to connect with others and help her friends during times of need. Courtney is an inspiration, and through her example encourages others to pay it forward.

*Nominated by Ms. Julie Gilman, York Central School Counselor*

**Danielle M. McBride** volunteers her time and talents to a myriad of school and community organizations. Extra-curricular activities include student council, Rotary Interact Club, National Honor Society, band, and Drama Club, just to name a few. Within her community, Danielle has helped plan and organize numerous events including blood drives, car washes, food drives, festivals, and spaghetti dinners. She has volunteered her time to mentoring ninth graders. As president of Interact Club, she has participated in many fundraisers. The young lady

is the chairperson of the EDIFY Youth Leadership Council and has spoken to state legislators about youth issues. Danielle leads with her actions – she is always willing to help, has a great attitude, and is a very hard worker. She is a highly respected leader within her school and community.

*\*Nominated by Jeffrey A. Hancock, Art Director and Scene Director with ACS, and Linda Kime, Avon Rotary Interact Club Advisor*

**Sarah Peck** is a helpful and highly reliable young woman who has participated in many community service organizations and events. As a member of Interact Club, she is always the first to volunteer and has worked at food pantries, the Geneseo Valley Rotary Camp, various Rotary drives, and an exchange student program. Sarah has also cooked and served at the Ronald McDonald House, helped out at the Breakfast with Santa, fundraised for Habitat for Humanity and Muscular Dystrophy, is a soccer coach for the Village of Avon's Youth Soccer Program, and mentors ninth graders. Sarah is a self-motivated individual. She is on the honor roll and is actively involved with numerous school and community activities. Sarah always has an upbeat attitude and a willingness to listen and help others.

*Nominated by Linda Kime, Avon Rotary Interact Club Advisor*

**Ashley Reed** has been involved in a number of different service clubs. Her parents participate in community service organizations, and Ashley has followed their example of giving back to the community. Besides helping them with their projects, Ashley has been active in her school's Rotary Interact Club where she has held the positions of vice president and president. Through this organization Ashley has helped at Rotary Auctions, raised money for various causes, helped at the food pantry, assisted in bake sales, hosted an exchange student for a weekend, has helped at a number of road clean-ups, and plans and organizes community events. Ashley received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award in 2009, and attended a leadership camp for a week. Ashley is a well-rounded young lady who has contributed to the lives of many.

*Nominated by Linda Kime, Avon Rotary Interact Club Advisor*

## ***Caledonia***

**Katherine Allkofer** is a member of the National Honor Society, Women's Ensemble, and has performed in musicals. She volunteers for

the anti-violence group “Rachel’s Challenge,” for which she writes letters to recognize various school and community persons who have gone beyond the call of duty. Katherine has participated in community service events – she has rung the bell for the Salvation Army, has helped with the election day dinner, participated in a program called “Seniors for Seniors,” brought food items for those in need through the “Back Pack Program,” and is currently selling carnations to benefit the victims in Haiti. Katherine is a very positive young woman who is quick to help others.

*Nominated by Robert Molisani, Caledonia-Mumford Central School Principal*

**Jacque Carson** has played a significant role in the anti-bullying campaign in Caledonia-Mumford Middle School. As a volunteer on the Rachel’s Challenge Steering Committee, she leads anti-bullying activities, and has presented to her fellow students the importance of treating each other with kindness and respect and the effects of bullying. Jacquie is also involved in numerous other activities. She is a member of the book club, National Junior Honor Society, middle school play cast, is the **sixth** grade class president, and an All-County representative. She is a volunteer for the community youth cheerleading competition, basketball camp, and multiple fundraisers for her church. Jacquie is incredibly caring and selfless – after her sister suffered an injury, she took it upon herself to be a liaison between the teachers and her sister. Jacquie is a strong support for anyone in need, and consistently exceeds expectations.

*Nominated by Lisa Schultz, Caledonia-Mumford Central School Teacher*

**Kenny Fenderson** is a positive role model. He has taken his responsibility towards his younger brother Myles seriously, and helps his grandmother watch after him. He is a genuinely caring individual who continues to support his brother. An example is when the two attended roller skating parties, Kenny did not skate for himself, he spent the time teaching his brother. He attends all of his brother’s modified sports and cheers him on. Kenny is a leader within his family, as well as a role model to his peers.

*Nominated by Wendy Bulter, Caledonia Mumford Central School Special Education Elementary Teacher*

**Seth Graham** is a selfless young man involved in numerous volunteer projects. These projects include being a member of the anti-violence group “Rachel’s Challenge” in which he works on a letter writing committee to recognize public servants. At school he has developed the digital photography pod casting web site, helped raise money for the girl’s softball team, reads the morning announcements, and tutors younger students. Seth has overcome hardships in order to get to where he is today. From grades 6-11 he faced bullies and teasing. Today, Seth is well respected and confident in who he is and what he stands for.

*Nominated by Robert Molisani, Caledonia-Mumford Central School Principal*

**MacKenzie Mynter** takes her leadership role at school very seriously. She was instrumental in bringing the anti-violence group, Rachel’s Challenge, to her high school. She noticed that the school population was divided, and felt that students should work together and show respect towards one another. She serves on a letter writing committee in which member of Rachel’s Challenge recognize various public servants. MacKenzie is a co-coach of a modified volleyball team, as well as a member of the extreme volleyball club. She leads by example, and is very supportive of her teammates. MacKenzie also volunteers her time to work with autistic students and local veterans.

*Nominated by Robert Molisani, Caledonia-Mumford Central School Principal*

**Christopher Peterson** is a role model to his fellow students because he incorporates volunteerism into his every day life. As a member of National Honor Society, he has worked on numerous community service activities such as the holiday Red Kettle Drive. However, he has also done much community service on his own. Chris is a peer tutor, helps at his church whenever needed, is an Earth Camp councilor, has volunteered at a soup kitchen, and is a youth soccer coach. Chris excels academically, plays sports, has a positive personality, and makes the right choices every day. He always has time to help others, and his kindness and service is appreciated throughout the community.

*Nominated by Sheri Backus and Patrick Grattan, Caledonia-Mumford NHS Co-Advisors*

**Regis Pollard** has volunteered much of his time through his own initiative. For example, he is currently leading “The Backpack Club,” a group which is raising money for food for those who are in need. Other

community service projects include fundraising for the Veteran's Wall and for Genesee Valley Ambulance, volunteering his time for Red Kettle, Wegman's LPGA events, maintenance in the field for his American Legion baseball team, and raking and shoveling driveways for neighbors. Regis is also active in school – he is a member of the National Honor Society, "Rachel's Challenge," and the baseball and cross-country teams. Regis has always been a kind and respectful young man.

*Nominated by Robert Molisani, Caledonia-Mumford Central School Principal*

**Andrew Short** takes responsibility seriously. He is a member of National Junior Honor Society and is Vice President of the Class of 2013. Andrew has completed numerous community service projects both in school and out. He has volunteered to help out at Middle School dances as well as being an enthusiastic class fundraiser. He has participated in the Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon and Operation Christmas Child by helping to fill shoe boxes with small gifts for children in a third world country. He will assist Habitat for Humanity in building a house this spring. In the community he helps rake leaves for the elderly. Andrew watches out for others and makes sure everyone is treated fairly.

*Nominated by Jennifer Bova, York Central School Teacher and National Jr. Honor Society Advisor*

**Jacqueline Simmons** is a very willing volunteer who needs little direction. She is an active member of National Honor Society through which she volunteers her time to nearly all their group community service projects. She is a Red Kettle volunteer and has recently chaired the Teresa House Wish List activity. On her own time, Jacqueline has been a Girl Scout, tutored, and raised money for the Cystic Fibrosis organization. Jacqueline's willingness to volunteer and her positive personality make her a great role model to her peers.

*Nominated by Sheri Backus and Patrick Grattan, Caledonia-Mumford Central School NHS Co-Advisors*

**Courtney Stein** has enjoyed doing many types of community service and has taken pride in her work. She is a member of 4-H Club and its Teen Council. Courtney's service work includes the community Easter Egg Hunt, collecting non-perishable food for county food pantries, planting Cyprus trees in New Orleans, working on houses in New Orleans, participating in the Cystic Fibrosis Walk, working at

Huntington's Disease Camp, making valentines for the residents of nursing homes, organizing a Barrel Racing Night for the H.O.R.S.E. Rescue and Sanctuary, making Christmas dinner and wrapping presents for a family in need with Tolerance Group, and working at spaghetti dinners for the American Legion and church, just to name a few. Courtney is a hard-working young woman, who is entirely capable of pursuing a project to completion. The organizations she has worked with are most appreciative of the service she has rendered.

*Nominated by Mary Ann Scharmberg, 4-H Teen Council Advisor*

**Kasey Stein** leads by example. Her participation in the Livingston County Agricultural Society and Fair at Caledonia has allowed her access to education, social, and creative opportunities, while she worked hard. Kasey easily communicates with inexperienced participants, helping to teach and guide them through the experience. Her skills are especially showcased when she participates in the horse shows. With her guidance and encouragement, everyone she works with walks away with a smile and a sense of pride. At school, Kasey is involved in the 4-H Club, is captain of the JV basketball team, and is a member of the baseball and soccer teams. Kasey is a dedicated, selfless, and caring individual, who has touched many lives and will continue to do so in the future.

*Nominated by Bob and Sandy Hildebrand, community members*

## ***Conesus***

**Hannah Livingston** is a young woman with a driven work ethic, strong commitment to her community, and a caring heart. She has earned selection into the National Honor Society, Student Council, teaching and assisting positions at the local dance studio, and captainship on her Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams. Hannah has faced family hardships, but these experiences have made her a stronger, more determined person. Through her teaching and volunteer work, she has shown significant leadership skills. Hannah is a special and unique individual, and the community benefits from her tremendous talent and giving.

*Nominated by Cynthia L. Ott, Lackawanna Avenue Health Careers Academy Instructor*

**Ryan Smith** leads with enthusiasm, confidence and class. Ryan is a member of National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society,

Student Council, Wind Ensemble, Tolerance Group and the French Exchange Group. He was chosen for Link Crew, a group of juniors and seniors who help orient and mentor incoming freshman. What makes Ryan a standout is his determination. After hearing a speaker at a National Student Leadership Conference in Denver, Ryan met with his principal to organize having this dynamic speaker share his inspirational message with the whole student body in a day long session. Ryan wrote a grant to the PTA for funding, met with stage crew for lighting and sound, planned a workshop after the speech for different student leaders, evaluated the event at the end and wrote thank yous to all who helped. Ryan even made sure there was a dinner the night before for the workshop speaker and school leaders. For Ryan, honesty and integrity are a way of life.

*Nominated by Terry D'Imperio, Livonia High School Teacher*

**Sean Smith** is a self-motivated, hard-working leader. At school, he is a member of the JV soccer and lacrosse teams and the Varsity ski team. He is also an active member of the Student Council and National Junior Honor Society, through which he participated in the American Heart Association Walk and Christmas tree donation program. After his math teacher discussed his recent diagnosis of cancer with his students, Sean was moved – he wanted to make a difference, and so he began to plan an all-night soccer tournament. Sean took initiative in planning this event, seeking approval for the project, advertising for the event, arranging the location and activities, and finding chaperones. His tournament was a great success – over 20 teams joined him for a night of food, fun, and soccer. Ryan raised over \$500 for the Cancer Center in Rochester. His great attitude and effort make him a wonderful role model.

*Nominated by Terry D'Imperio, Livonia High School Teacher*

**Hannah Watkins** has been a member of the EDIFY (Educating and Directing Influential Forces with Youth) Youth Leadership Council for three years. She takes an active role during meetings, volunteering to act as secretary and take notes. Her EDIFY membership has given her opportunities to represent youth to government leaders and groups of adults. Through the years she has grown comfortable with voicing her opinions at these meetings, as well as encouraging others to do the same. What makes Hannah unique to the EDIFY group is that she is homeschooled. She reaches out to other members, making friends and growing in the process. Hannah is also active in the Conesus Volunteer

Fire Department and Explorer program, Civil Air Patrol and 4H, in which Hannah specializes in raising and showing her chickens.

*Nominated by Rachel Pena, EDIFY Co-facilitator*

## ***Geneseo***

**Shane T. Carman** is a hard-working young man. He is a member and representative of Educating and Directing Influential Forces with Youth (EDIFY), a member of his church youth group, a member of the school Earthwise club, and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He has also completed thirty hours of community service this school year through church and school. Shane is a goal focused young man who persists in pursuing his dream to have a Livingston County youth center. He is a confident individual who has approached adults and youth alike about his youth center project. Shane is able to present his concept with confidence generated by his determination to reach his goals.

*Nominated by Stephanie L. Peters, Geneseo Central School Teacher*

**Courtney Irons** is highly involved in both her school and community. At her church, she has volunteered to participate in the Youth Altar Guild, works at the Vacation Bible School, and helps out at Michael's Nursery School. Courtney has also been an active Girl Scout for 11 years, through which she routinely attends the Geneseo Kiwanis Club as a participant in the community outreach. At school, Courtney participates in sports such as cross country, cheerleading, and golf, and is involved in the drama club. She is currently in the process of working with school officials in order to start a Key Club, which would further help the community and its youth. Courtney is not only dedicated to the community, but to her family, as well. She created a video library for dementia patients at Noyes Hospital all on her own.

*Nominated by Dale Sells, Noyes Memorial Hospital*

**Saarah Shakeel** is a leader. She is president of National Junior Honor Society at Geneseo Central School. She is also treasurer of her class (2012). As a peer tutor, she often goes out of her way to help other students. She is a ready volunteer who assists at such events as the Red Cross blood drive at school and being a bell ringer for Salvation Army Kettle Drive over the holidays. Saarah shares her unique culture and religion and through this is helping students understand diversity. She is

a good and patient friend. Saarah is a great role model for her peers as she always resolves conflicts

*Nominated by Keri Laux, Geneseo Central School Teacher*

**Adam Veazey** has shown great commitment to his community. As a member of Habitat for Humanity, he has consistently helped work on houses, both with building and clean-up. He takes initiative with his work, and rarely has to be instructed or told to do a task. Adam is also a member of Boy Scout Troop 72, his church's youth group, and has participated in Odyssey of the Mind. As a member of Livingston County Youth Court, he makes the commitment to judge his peers and set consequences for their badly chosen behavior. Adam is a team player, and is always doing what's best for the group. His work and cooperation is appreciated throughout the community.

*Nominated by Daniel Dimpfl, fellow Habitat for Humanity Volunteer*

## ***Groveland***

**Kirstyn Applin** holds leadership roles in both church and school. At Sparta Center United Methodist Church, she is a Sunday school teacher, a teen representative on an adult board, assists with the food pantry collection, and is in the youth group. At Dansville High School, she is the junior class vice president, participates in mock trials, and is a varsity cheer leader. Kirstyn is a consistent leader who has demonstrated a maturity beyond her years. Although she has been through personal difficulties, she has overcome these challenges and used her experiences to grow and develop a very caring personality. She is able to see people's needs and respond to them in an adult manner. Kirstyn has a great deal to offer, and is an impressive young lady.

*Nominated by Rev. James W. Stevens, Sparta Center United Methodist Church Pastor*

**Evan Magnussen** is a very active individual who works hard for his community. In school, he participates in organizations such as Drama Club, track, cross country, and Model United Nations. He has helped work the concession stand at Little League games, as well as acted as umpire. Evan has also done numerous community service projects through his church and Boy Scout troop, in which he is a Senior Patrol Leader. He has put a lot of work and time into his Boy Scout Eagle Project, for which he is building an information kiosk along the

greenway to provide the public with the history and important locations of the area. Although Evan is a naturally quiet and reserved young man, he has been able to overcome this and communicate his ideas freely and become a leader within his community. *Nominated by William Louvain, Geneseo Boy Scout Troop 70 Scoutmaster*

**Trista Teitsworth** is a dedicated young woman who holds many leadership roles within the organizations for which she volunteers. She is currently the President of 4-H Teen Council, through which she has been a role-model to the younger members by attending all of the meetings and doing community service projects with them. Projects include lawn care at the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Office, playing BINGO with the residents of the local nursing home, and collecting food for the food pantries. As vice president of Future Farmers of America, she has headed committees such as calendar sales, Livingston County/Farm Bureau donation basket, and BOCES Day Care. At school, Trista is also involved in Animal Science at Genesee Valley BOCES, Western New York Draft Horse and Pony Club, and her high school concert and marching bands. Trista is a natural leader and is never afraid to step up and help her community. *\*Nominated by Mary Ann Scharmberg, 4-H Teen Council Advisor, and Rachael Clayson and Jon English, Genesee Valley Agriculture Teachers*

**Greg Ulbright** is a great role model to other young adults because he shows his commitment to his fellow man by volunteering with the youth of today. For example, he volunteers his time in the nursery at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Greg is also a Lieutenant in his division of the Civil Air Patrol – whenever they volunteer at the air show in Geneseo, he helps however he can. During his freshman year, Greg went with his school on a mission trip to Mexico. At school, Greg is president of his class, is a varsity level player for soccer and basketball, and maintains a 90 average. Greg is an excellent student and an asset to his community.

*\*Nominated by Kim Burgess, hairdresser*

## ***Leicester***

**Julia Demarte** is a positive and ambitious role model. As a member of

Girl Scouts and 4-H Club, Julia has demonstrated leadership skills and strong initiative. As a teen assistant at the State Fair, she helped with the food and clothing exhibits of her fellow 4-H Club members. Through 4-H she has also made donations of games and art supplies to a family in need, made Christmas cards for residents of the local Center of Nursing and Rehabilitation, made donations to Haiti, and participated in a silent demonstration. As a Girl Scout, she has stepped up and led the younger members of the troop.

*Nominated by Daphne Lyness, 4-H Leader*

**Ashley Grant** is very eager to volunteer her time and has shown her commitment to the community by contributing in many ways. She has been involved with the village clean-up, has assisted with the village's annual Halloween and Winter Wonderland parties in the park, and participated in the Walk MS event. Ashley is also active in school, participating in organizations such as the Little Dribblers Youth Basketball Program, Livingston County Youth Court, Foreign Language, Mock Trial, and National Honor Society, to name a few. Ashley has a strong sense of purpose and responsibility, and she is always looking for ways to make a difference. She is a student leader and a valuable member of the community.

*Nominated by Senator Catherine Young*

**Jenna Lynn** is a member of the Varsity soccer, basketball, and softball teams. She has proven to be a great leader in each team she plays on, working hard to succeed and pushing her teammates to do the same. Jenna is also involved with programs that help elementary students learn the basic skills of the game. For example, she volunteers her time to the Little Dribblers program where she acts as a role model and teacher to the younger students. Jenna is well-liked and respected by peers and adults. Her self-motivation and passions for sports and helping others are admired by all.

*Nominated by William MacKenzie, York CSD Teacher*

**Kara MacIntyre** takes the initiative to be involved within her community. During the summer of 2009, Kara volunteered her time at the York-Leicester Recreation Program, where she assisted participants with their daily activities. During the school year, Kara volunteers in a fifth grade classroom, where she assists students with homework, as well as helps the teacher with clerical work. Kara works very well with

younger children – she is both a friend and a role model to them. Kara is a hard working young woman whose volunteer work is very much appreciated.

*Nominated by Pete Robinson, York-Leicester Recreation Supervisor and York CSD Teacher*

**Robert Mankoff** is committed to his community. He participates in organizations such as National Jr. Honor Society, Student Board, Culture Club, York Football Team, and York Swim Team. Robert is also the President of the Class of 2012 at his school, through which he demonstrates his ability as a leader. He played an important role in collecting money at his school in order to fundraise for Haiti. As a member of the National Jr. Honor Society, Robert has shown outstanding service, leadership, character, citizenship, and academic success. He commits 2-3 hours per month to individual community service projects, as well as participates in group service projects. These include the Habitat for Humanity Walk-A-Thon and Operation Christmas Child. Robert is a caring and compassionate individual whose hard work and dedication make him an outstanding role model.

*Nominated by Jennifer Bova, National Jr. Honor Society Advisor and Teacher*

**Shelby Mankoff** is an intelligent and talented young woman who dedicates much of her time to organizations and programs that benefit the community. As a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Shelby commits 2-3 hours per month to serving her community through individual projects, as well as group projects, such as the Habitat for Humanity Walk-A-Thon and Operation Christmas Child. As a volunteer for the Knights as Community Helpers (K.A.C.H.) Program, she acts as a role model to other students and works towards improving the school community by assisting teachers and working with students. Shelby is also involved in Odyssey of the Mind, Chess Club, Lego Robotics Club, school musicals, band, and the tennis team. Shelby is a well-rounded, compassionate young woman whose initiative and volunteerism prove that she is a natural leader.

*Nominated by Jennifer Bova, National Jr. Honor Society Advisor and Teacher*

***Lima***

**Ryan Buckman** is a well-rounded young man. He participates in sports, and is on the Cross Country Running team and Cross Country Ski Team. He has also participated in track, golf, and tennis. Ryan has done volunteer work with organizations that include the Bowling Youth Leadership, Salvation Army, and Lima Recreation. Ryan also participates in clubs, such as the Green Team, Big Brother Big Sister, is a tutor, and is the founder and president of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Bowling Club. Not only did Ryan actively recruit members and an advisor for this new organization, but he has hosted community-wide events. He has shown great initiative in organizing and marketing this new club, and has established positive working relationships with adults in the school and bowling alley. Ryan is a leader who is open to new ideas and willing to help others.

*Nominated by Dianne L. Witkowski, Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Counselor*

**Erin Carroll** is a positive young woman who is dedicated to improving the lives of others. Through Girl Scouts, Erin has completed a 65-hour project to benefit Hope House, a home for abused women. She collected and distributed toys, clothes, books, personal care products, and fleece blankets, and she painted three bedrooms in Hope House, including a mural in each room. Erin is also an altar server, a talented trumpet player, an outstanding Irish dance student, a TIES volunteer working with disabled children, and a Big Sister for an elementary student. Erin has developed into a remarkable young woman. Her contributions to her community are valuable, and she is always the first to offer help when it is needed.

*Nominated by Mary Julie Welch, member of Lima Senior Citizens, Historical Society, St. Rose Church*

**Kristen Feries** is not only one of the top students at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School, but she is also one of the most involved. She is a member of the Community Youth Court, is the treasurer of the Interact Club, was the Sophomore Class Secretary, is Executive Student Council Treasurer, Senior Class President, Faith in Action, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also the Secretary General of the Model United Nations, for which she traveled to the Netherlands this past winter in order to participate in the International Model UN Conference. Kristen is committed in both the classroom and the community. Kristen says, "I love being able to help out in my town and

give back to the community.”

*Nominated by Andrew Fleming, Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Counselor*

**Hannah Finch** is involved in the middle school Community Service Club, Green Team, babysits her sisters, and has watched her neighbor’s dog. Through Community Service Club, Hannah has volunteered her time at Pinehurst Senior Living Community, and through Green Team has helped recycle at her school. Hannah is a role model because she extends her commitment to volunteerism beyond school, and is helpful in her community as well. She is also a role model to her younger sister, who is following in her footsteps and has joined the Community Service Club as well.

*Nominated by Erin Hawkins, Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School Counselor*

**Lauren Jaenecke** has showcased her leadership abilities throughout her school and community. She is very involved in Girl Scouts, and she has made a positive impact on her community by organizing personal care drives, food drives, clothing drives, volunteering at soup kitchens, and babysitting. Lauren is also the captain of her swim team, is a member of the National Honor Society, concert band, and is an altar server at her church. Lauren is a true leader – she has been able to tackle projects that positively affect her community, and make it a better and happier place to live.

*Nominated by Andrew Fleming, Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Counselor*

**Morgan Joseph** is a student who contributes to her community in multiple ways. As a member of the Community Service Club, she volunteers some of her time each month at the Pinehurst Senior Living Community. Morgan has also contributed to Wild Wings, a not-for-profit educational organization that houses and cares for permanently injured birds of prey. Morgan is a conscientious student who has a tremendous work ethic. She sets high personal standards and works hard to achieve them. Morgan’s determination to succeed has carried over to other students. Her motivation and contributions to the community make Morgan a great role model.

*Nominated by Erin Hawkins, Honeoye Falls-Lima School Counselor*

**Sarah Kaczmarek** cares about others, and has provided great

leadership. Sarah makes many contributions to her school and community. She is a tutor to elementary students in the city of Rochester, teaches for the Bright Futures Program, has volunteered at the Buchman Brothers Run, is on the Varsity tennis team, and is a member of the Interact Club, Green Team, and Community Youth Court. As a leader, Sarah is well respected by her peers, and is always asked by school administration to be on committees that will make decisions that will affect the student body. Sarah's tireless work ethic and lead-by-example approach make her an outstanding asset to the community.

*Nominated by Andrew Fleming, Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Counselor*

**Jared Page** is actively involved within his school and community. As an Eagle Scout in Troop 4029, he has participated in food drives and teaches skills to the younger scouts. For his Eagle Scout Project, he planned and supervised the construction of 19 wood duck nesting boxes, placed in the watershed area of Hemlock Lake for the benefit of Livingston County. Jared works with the Monroe County Sheriff's Venture Crew, in which he serves others through various community service projects. He is also a member of his high school band. Jared serves as a positive role model to those around him by displaying a cheerful willingness to help others.

*Nominated by Guye Smith, Boy Scouts of America Lima Troop 4029 Scoutmaster*

**Alex Roberts** is an effective leader who leads by example, teaching younger students the importance of giving back to the community. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 4029, Alex has participated in Relay for Life, food drives for the local food pantry, raking leaves at the local library, and helping in numerous projects that benefit the community. As an older member of his troop, Alex works with the younger scouts, teaching camping skills and helping them with advancement requirements. Alex is also a member of the Interact Club at his school, through which he does further community service work. Alex works hard to give back to his community, and he is an excellent role model.

*Nominated by Guye Smith, Boy Scouts of America Lima Troop 4029 Scoutmaster*

**Kyle Smith** takes authority and responsibility seriously. He is a

member of Boy Scouts of America, Civil Air Patrol, Honeoye Falls diving team and is an altar server at St. Paul of the Cross Church. He has completed requirements for Eagle Scout and was elected to the Order of the Arrow, an honor service and camping group. Kyle helps out wherever he is needed in the community. For his Eagle Scout project, he planned, developed a budget, and found volunteers to assist the repair/replacement of the stone steps in the Oak Ridge Cemetery which had become a hazard. Kyle removed the old steps, coordinated volunteers to bring wheelbarrows of dirt for grading and leveling as well as planting grass seed around the new steps. The result is a safe set of steps for all who visit the cemetery.

*Nominated by Jim and Bernadette Sweeney, friends and neighbors*

**Nicholas Tatakis** has been the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 4029 since October 2009. He effectively runs weekly meetings, volunteers to help clean St. Rose Church in Lima, participates in food drives for the local food pantry, serves Thanksgiving dinners to Lima senior citizens with the Rotary group, and helped rake leaves at the local library. Nicholas serves as a role model to the younger scouts in his troop by teaching skills in a caring, respectful manner. Nicholas also participates in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program at school, acting as a mentor to a younger student who needs a positive role model. He is also involved in the Student Advisory Board, the wind ensemble and clarinet choir, and is a member of the JV swim team. Nicholas is a hard-working role model who is an excellent example to the youth members of his community.

*Nominated by Guye R. Smith, Boy Scouts of America Lima Troop 4029 Scoutmaster*

**Sam Walter** contributes to the community in a variety of ways. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 4029, he has participated in service work such as food drives for the local food pantry, raked leaves at the local library, and led younger scouts in various activities. Through his church youth group, he has participated in Flower City work camp, led discussions in his Bible study group, and participated in Community Youth Court. Sam is also a member of the high school concert band, Model United Nations, and is in the Civil Air Patrol. Sam contributes a lot of his time and effort to worthwhile causes and always does so with a positive, friendly attitude. He is a leader and role model within his community. *Nominated by Guye Smith, Boy Scouts of America Lima*

*Troop 4029 Scoutmaster*

## ***Livonia***

**Jacob Campbell** is a caring, motivated young man who has overcome significant challenges over the past couple of years. As someone who is overcoming personal problems, Jacob has proved to be a positive role model for other youth. Described as a friendly, cooperative, responsible, respectful and quiet young man, Jacob is doing well in school and community activities, and is helpful at home. He is also currently getting involved with the First Church of God. Jacob is a caring, motivated young man who has come a long way, and has much more to offer.

*Nominated by Tracy McCaughey and Shelly Read, Department of Social Services Caseworkers*

**Emily English** has demonstrated leadership and commitment at her school. Not only is she a member of the Varsity Soccer, Track and Lacrosse teams, but she also volunteers her time to the summer youth soccer program as a coach and a mentor. She assists incoming freshmen through the Link Program, reaches out to students with disabilities through the TIES program, and has organized a highly successful holiday gift drive to help a struggling family. Emily is an excellent student, and a genuinely warm and caring person. She is an inspiration to all those who know her.

*Nominated by Terry D'Imperio, Livonia High School teacher*

**Raymond Gascon** demonstrates his leadership qualities in everything in which he becomes involved. As a volunteer in the Helping Hand of Hemlock, Ray was instrumental in raising funds to build the playground for the children of Hemlock and inspired other teens to help with the construction. He is active within the Hemlock Fire Department, working the department's drills and helping with fundraising efforts. He has also helped to fundraise for the Hemlock Methodist Youth Group. Ray is an A student, a member of the high school band, is on the track team, and assists younger children through the TIES Program. He is a young man with positive goals, and has a positive effect on everyone he reaches out to.

*Nominated by Gene Chichester, Hemlock Methodist Youth Group Leader*

**Johnathan Gustavson** is a very caring person who relates well with

everyone. He volunteers at the Teresa House in Geneseo, and has used his metal trades skills to design and make an angel for the outdoor garden area of the house. John has overcome a medical challenge which has only helped him to see how precious life is. He has the ability to bring out the best in people, and always has a kind word for someone who might need their spirits lifted. John looks for the good in everyone.  
*Nominated by Olie Olson, Genesee Valley Education Partnership Teacher*

**Ryan Hierlwimmer** is the all-American high school teenager. He plays three varsity sports, has helped with homecoming activities, helped fundraise and participated in the Cystic Fibrosis Walk, and assisted with the senior citizens luncheon. Ryan has demonstrated leadership and commitment at his school by organizing a gift drive to help a struggling family during the holidays. Through his efforts, a family was able to have a very special Christmas, who would not have been able to otherwise. Ryan is an inspiration to all who know him.  
*Nominated by Terry D'Imperio, Livonia High School Teacher*

**Jason Hill** has been a wonderful role model, working with others in volunteer efforts and community service events. He has volunteered for Rock City Roller Derby, an organization that does fundraising for non-profit groups and community causes, is a member of "A Little Blind," a rock band that has performed at events as a gift to the community, and is a Youth Service Volunteer for the Center for Dispute Settlement. While Jason has had to face personal issues, he has successfully overcome them in order to help others. Not only has he volunteered many hours to different causes, but he also finds time to help his grandparents with household chores. *Nominated by Letitia J. Rosenthal, Center for Dispute Settlement Volunteer Supervisor*

**Matthew Kelly** is a well-rounded young man. He serves as a Senior Patrol leader in his Eagle Scout Troop, participates in the school music programs, is active in sports, and has a very strong academic record. Matt is confident, and capable of managing the projects that he takes on. For example, he volunteered for the community by undertaking a storm-drain labeling project. He designed and built the labeling templates, completed fundraising for the project materials, and coordinated with town departments. Matt showed tremendous initiative and motivation in this project. The town of Livonia greatly appreciates

his commitment, and he is seen as a role-model throughout his community.

*Nominated by Angela Grouse, Livonia Town Board*

**Ryan Nation** is a talented and caring individual who works hard for his community. As a member of St. Matthew Youth Ministry, he has volunteered at numerous church events, such as the Roast Beef Dinner fundraiser and Eat for Heat fundraiser. He is also an altar server and violinist for the church. Ryan is incredibly gifted – he has performed in plays and musicals, and competed in several dramatic performance competitions. Ryan’s family is heavily involved in the church, and he has proven to be an admirable role model to his peers within the community. He consistently makes choices to participate in healthy, community service activities, and encourages others to do the same.

*Nominated by Sandy Peters, member of St. Matthews Parish*

**Shaun O’Dea** is an outstanding member of his community, willing to step up whenever assistance is needed. At church, Shaun helps feed the homeless with the mission committee, puts together Health Kits for victims of natural disaster, and has worked on ‘warm sock’ projects during the holidays, providing warm clothing to the homeless in Rochester. He also participates in the praise band, the Information Technology Team, the Healthy Communities that Care Project Sticker Shock, and music and drama organizations in school. Shaun is always willing to help others and lends a hand whenever possible. As someone who has experienced loss, Shaun has successfully moved on and learned from his experiences. He has proven to be an excellent role model to his peers as well as the younger children within his community, setting an example by working to make the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

*Nominated by Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof, Lakeville United Church of Christ*

**Anthony Streams** has obtained a rank of Explorer Post #174 Captain of the Livonia Fire Department, and since then has exhibited excellent leadership and social skills that bring a great deal of pride and professionalism to the post. In the eight months since Anthony joined, he has mastered almost every skill taught him, gained respect from his fellow explorers as well as his advisors, and has dedicated countless hours to training, fundraising, work details, and emergency calls. He

works hard to attend all drills and department events. Not only does he work hard to perform his own tasks, but he also helps his peers who are having difficulty. Anthony is a natural born leader who has the drive and focus to better himself and the people surrounding him. He is a great asset to his post and community.

*Nominated by Daniel Miller, Livonia Fire Department Explorer Post Advisor*

## ***Mount Morris***

**Holly Adams** is a remarkably giving and considerate young lady who puts in extra effort and time when it comes to the several community service programs with which her class is involved. She has shown excellent people skills, and works with children, the elderly, and those with disabilities. Holly is a strong individual who has overcome obstacles in her own life and continues to excel in class and contribute to her community. Holly is a motivated young woman with a positive attitude, and these qualities will help her reach her goals, and enable her to continue to help others.

*Nominated by Marcia Underwood, Human Services Teacher*

**Charles (Nick) Bonner** has used his three years of experience in the Livingston County Summer Youth Employment Program and education at Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (BOCES) to put his life on track for the future. He has grown and matured into a group leader and caring individual. Nick has also developed an outstanding work ethic and attitude. He is an exemplary student at the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership metal trades class and is successful in school as well as the world of work.

*Nominated by Olie Olson, Genesee Valley Education Partnership Teacher*

**Tyler Geraci** is definitely a leader. He puts others before himself and is dedicated to making his school community the best it can be. He has volunteered his time working with a kindergarten class, is involved in fundraising, pep assemblies, and is an active member of his senior class as well as the Mt. Morris Yearbook. Tyler is also excelling in his school's recently established PRIDE Program, in which he has received

several pride tickets. Tyler's hard work and dedication has paid off in tremendous progress since the beginning of his high school career. Tyler is a role model – he has persevered and worked hard.

*Nominated by Denise Davis, Mt. Morris Special Education Teacher*

**Kayla Hinz** is a mature young lady who is always willing to put others first and lead by example. Her

service to her community by volunteering in a Day of Caring, Rake Rattle and Roll, and the Blood Drive shows her motivation to help others. Kayla is also active in school, where she is a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society, Reality Check, and plays on the volleyball and tennis teams. Kayla is a very caring individual who has demonstrated her drive to improve the lives of others.

*Nominated by Suzanne Marcin, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Teacher/Student*

**Greg Hoodak** is a great team player. As a member of the Fright Team, he worked hard daily, as well as pushed others to keep working and have fun. Greg is reliable as well as imaginative and friendly. He encouraged his peers to come up with new ideas and try them out. According to his teachers, Greg is shy and quiet. However, he has shown that he can work very well in a group. He is also a member of the track team and Key Club.

*Nominated by Geri Stokes, Dalton Fright Team Supervisor*

**Makenzie Ikler** is consistently involved in school and community activities. She is currently in Future Business Leaders of America, National Technical Honor Society, Skill USA, chorus, the church youth group, and the captain of the cheerleading squad, and in all of these she has participated in various volunteer and community service programs. Makenzie provides leadership and guidance to other students – she is a consistent source of motivation.

*Nominated by Suzanne Marcin, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Teacher/Student*

**Brock Saltsman** consistently takes on leadership roles, and encourages his fellow Boy Scouts to participate in service projects. Through the Scout Program, Brock has helped serve dinner at the annual fundraiser for the Mills Mansion, where he also led the troop in singing carols. Brock has also participated in Eagle Scout projects, the Christmas in the

Village Project, and various fundraisers for the community. Brock is always looking for opportunities to help others – he recently assisted a fellow scout who has severe asthma. Brock is an asset to his troop and his community. *Nominated by John Polito, Boy Scout of America Troop 4082 Scoutmaster*

**Lindsay Saltsman** is actively involved in Mount Morris Central School Drama Club, chorus and band. She is on the Honor Roll, nominee and future member of the National Honor Society and a member of Close Up. She plays soccer, basketball and runs track. As a sophomore, Lindsay taught an elementary level of religious education at St. Patrick's when no adult teachers stepped forward. Lindsay is a peer tutor working with students who are struggling academically. She is a multi-talented young lady, always ready to help others. *Nominated by Marc Gardner, Mount Morris Central School Coach and Teacher*

**Liana Spicciati** is a self-motivated young woman who volunteers much of her time to helping improve her community. She is a member of National Honor Society and Key Club, Student Council Secretary, a volunteer at Mt. Morris Dance Center, and the captain of the soccer team. Liana's own experiences with health problems have made her more sensitive to others who experience illness. She is now a volunteer dance teacher, and offers to help at school with everything from setting up for pep rallies to organizing the class semi-formal and prom. Liana is a caring young woman whose hard work is highly appreciated. *Nominated by Kathie Palermo, Mt. Morris Central School Teacher*

**Jessica Sutton** is a volunteer who is always willing to see what she can do to help others who may be in need. At school she is a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council. Jessica volunteers her time to the Principle Project, Kid Start Pen Pal Program, local after-school programs, and food pantries. She has attended various leadership conferences, and is the only student at her school who applied for and attended the HOBY leadership conference, for which she is completing a 100-hour community service project. Jessica is a hard worker, dedicated to her community service work and leadership role. She is an incredible role model for the rest of her community. *Nominated by Joahn Ferrero Cucchiara, Mt. Morris Central School Student Council Advisor*

**Neal Vecellio** has experienced loss in his past. However, he has responded by becoming very compassionate towards others. He often quietly sacrifices for the benefit of those around him without any fanfare. He works to improve the world around him and should be recognized for his kind treatment and compassion for the community.

*Nominated by Cynthia L. Ott, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Health Careers Academy Instructor*

**Felicia Wysocarki** has experienced loss within her family. However, she remains focused on her work, is pleasant to her classmates, and cooperative. She contributes positively to her class. Felicia is a strong young woman, and her maturity makes her a role model to the rest of her peers.

*Nominated by Cynthia L. Ott, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Health Careers Academy Instructor*

**Frederick Yates** has helped his community in a number of ways. For example, he has helped with Little League Baseball, has assisted elderly citizens, and is a leader on the baseball team. Fred has volunteered to help with multiple elementary sports programs. Besides these activities, Fred is also on the soccer and basketball teams, has performed in the chorus and school plays, and is an altar boy. As a youth, Fred faced a number of personal challenges. However, he remains a strong and hard-working young man. He always treats his fellow team mates and classmates with respect, and is an outstanding student. Fred's contributions have helped improve his community.

*Nominated by Jesse Hamilton, Mt. Morris Central School Teacher/Coach*

## ***North Dansville***

**David J. Murphy – Longhini** plays a very active role within his school and community. He is involved in organizations such as Interact Club, Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Bridge to Employment program. David also participates in fundraising events such as the Big Brother Program, Relay for Life, the Play for Pink Golf Tournament, is an American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Ambassador, and tutors primary school students in summer school. Besides being involved in

all of these organizations, David is also president and founder of Dansville Junior Promotions and Marketing Committee, a group that is focused on creating more events in the community for the youth in order to increase pride and involvement. The fact that David has been able to start such a successful and community-conscious group exemplifies leadership, initiative, and motivation.

*Nominated by Cybil J. Everman, Dansville Rotary/Interact Club Advisor*

**Shaan Qureshi** is involved in a number of community service groups. As a volunteer for the South Asian Domestic Violence organization, he has created flyers and programs, done computer design work, and participated in awareness programs. He is a supporter of “Men Against Abuse.” As an active member and past president of his school’s Rotary Interact Club, he has helped with the highway clean-up. Shaan also volunteers his time to recycling and collecting money for Habitat for Humanity, helping at the local church, helping an elementary school child through the Big Brother program, and teaching children piano. Shaan is a youth leader – he is a member of the National Honor Society, and has participated at National Youth Leadership programs in Boston and Washington. Shaan is a kind, compassionate, and intelligent young man whose work and deeds show initiative and have a positive effect on the community.

*Nominated by Meera Jain, V.P. Volunteer Supervisor*

## ***Nunda***

**Alberto Agosto** is new to his community, but has already proven his leadership qualities. Having recently moved to Nunda from the New York City area, Alberto has had to adjust to a new environment, as well as take on serious responsibilities within his household. However, he has not only acted as a leader within the classroom, but he also encourages those around him to step up their own skills and volunteer within their own communities as well. For example, Alberto volunteered to help at the Geneseo Haunted House and organized a group of others to do the same. He is also the class treasurer and completes every task given to him. Alberto is a kind, considerate, and well-mannered young man who is always willing to help others.

*Nominated by Judy Essig, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership*

*Criminal Justice Instructor*

**Thomas Coates** is a motivated and imaginative individual. As a member of the Fright Team, he enlisted the help of others to design and decorate themes for several rooms. Thomas proved to be a great role model and leader. He was a positive influence and open to his group members' ideas and suggestions. Thomas has tended to be quiet at school, but found his calling on the Fright Team. He is also involved in

Boy Scouts, track, Eagle Scouts, National Honor Society and Cross Country.

*Nominated by Geri Stokes, Dalton Fright Team Supervisor*

**Zach Coffey** is a role model and a team player. He is a member of the Drama Club, varsity chorus and the Fright Team, in which he did an amazing job leading his peers and contributing to the performance. Zach is described as a great brother and son – he has played a key role in the care and education of his younger brother, and he is committed to helping and supporting his mother at home. Zach is independent, responsible, kind and friendly, and is always ready to lend a hand.

*\*Nominated by Nick Snyder, Keshequa Central School student, and Geri Stokes, Dalton Fright Team Supervisor*

**Amanda Gath** is a leader who leads by example. As the Rotary Interact Treasurer, she helps plan and organize youth events, stresses to others the importance of good citizenship, is a role-model for behavior in leadership to peers and younger students, and is always supportive of her family's needs. Amanda is also active in several sports teams, Math Club, Big Buddy Program, Senior Band, Church Angel Ministries, and Kiwanis Leadership Camp, and has helped organize numerous youth projects. She has received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award for her amazing work.

*Nominated by Doris Marsh, Town of Nunda Youth Program Coordinator*

**Shelby Hatfield** is a leader and a role model student. She is incredibly active in school activities, participating on the JV/V soccer team, JV basketball team, and JV softball team, volunteering her time with youth activities such as roller-skating and bowling events, and acting as the

Rotary Interact Secretary, where she demonstrates her ability as a team player. She attends planning meetings, encourages others to participate, and is always stressing to others to always do their best, and act as role models to the younger students. Shelby continues to be a caring member of her family as well as the community, always positive and willing to help others.

*Nominated by Doris Marsh, Town of Nunda Youth Program Coordinator*

**Brady Jeffords** is a role model, stressing to others the importance of volunteering and the impact it has on others. He is in the Rotary Interact Club, where he has been a supportive and active member. Brady is a team player who works hard to get projects done, like planning youth events and community service projects. Brady has been faced with personal issues in the past, but he has grown into a motivated, hard-working young man.

*Nominated by Doris Marsh, Town of Nunda Youth Program Coordinator*

**Nick Snyder** gets things done. He is a member of the JV golf team and president of Rotary Interact. Nick plans and manages youth events such as bowling and roller-skating. He has participated in Healthy Communities that Care's Project Sticker Shock, School Game Night, summer street dances and the National Kidney Foundation Walk-a-Thon. Nick loves to cook and hopes to become a chef. He was lead chef for the first Interact Christmas Dinner in Nunda. While he has lost people close to him, he maintains a positive spirit. Nick can always be found reaching out to others such as a senior citizen who might need the leaves raked. Nick is a leader who is not just a role model but one who encourages others to do their best.

*Nominated by Doris Marsh, Nunda Rotary Interact Club Advisor*

**Emilie Soble** is a caring and unselfish young woman. She is an active member of the "Friends of Rachel" club, a group dedicated to the anti-violence organization Rachel's Challenge. The objective is to inspire fellow students to start a chain reaction of kindness within the school

and community. Emilie has also participated in various food drives, fundraisers, and relief efforts. Emilie has had to face learning challenges, but she continues to grow and improve – she has volunteered to work in a classroom, reading to special education students. She also helps them during gym class, demonstrating her patience and kindness. Emilie enjoys working with these students and would like to pursue a career in special education. Emilie’s kind nature and selfless volunteerism make her a role model to her peers.

*Nominated by Patricia A. Strong, Keshequa Central School Teacher*

## ***Ossian***

**Austin Scott Tucker** works hard for his church and community. At the First Presbyterian Church of Ossian, he volunteers for kitchen duty, teaches Sunday School, has offered to build picnic tables, and will be the Youth Advisor for Safe Play at the new playground. As a 4-H member, Austin strives to be a role model for the younger kids. He often demonstrates patience and common sense, and all of the other kids look up to him. Austin shows great potential in teaching and is always coming up with new ideas for projects and volunteering. Austin’s dedication to his community makes him an excellent role model.

*Nominated by Cathy M. Saunders, 4-H Leader*

## ***Portage***

**Cassandra R. Allen** is an incredibly active, motivated young woman. She is a Key Club International Lieutenant Governor, is the Rotary Interact Vice President, Student Council Treasurer, and is a member of the Mural Club. Through these organizations, Cassandra has taken part in activities such as Kidney Walks and community dinners and has helped host youth activities like roller-skating and bowling outings. Cassandra has a great, friendly attitude and is devoted to all the organizations in which she is involved. Cassandra takes challenges as experiences that motivate her to achieve her goals. She is not only self-motivated, but also motivates those around her, peers and adults alike.

*\*Nominated by Ivan Davis, Supervisor in the Town of Portage, and Geri Stokes, Supervisor of the Dalton Fright Team*

**Zachariah Cramer** is personable, respectful and helpful to others. He is a young man who has been forced to face many disappointments and adjustments over the past couple of years. However, he has risen above these challenges and has made remarkable progress and personal changes. Zachariah has grown both academically and emotionally. Teachers have described him to be a hard worker and good student. Zach has developed into a kind young man with a good sense of humor, a sense of discipline, and strong work ethic. He has refused to succumb to peer pressure and is a great role model.

*Nominated by Holly Adams, Keshequa Central School Teacher*

**Lauren Sherman** is active in Girl Scouts, 4-H, the home school cooperative group and with her family in the Oakland Wesleyan Church. Twice a week, Lauren volunteers at the Nunda Community Nursery School. More than just a helper, Lauren works with groups as a volunteer teaching assistant. She enthusiastically helps with all the projects and is especially talented with crafts. The children love her. Lauren is a motivated young lady who reaches out to others and is ready to help with anything that needs getting done.

*Nominated by Carolyn Pollock, Nunda Community Nursery School*

**Kendra Smith** is definitely a leader, and she takes her responsibilities seriously. She benefits her community by being an active Key Club member and a babysitter. Kendra has been a huge help to her grandparents and assists them in any way she can, whether it be moving furniture, carrying groceries, fixing dinner, or keeping her grandfather company while her grandmother runs errands. Kendra has also been a loving sister and caring friend. Kendra's willingness to help others and her positive attitude make her an excellent role model.

*Nominated by Ivan Davis, Town of Portage Supervisor*

**Rischandra Smith** is responsible and caring and is always willing to help others as needed. She is currently enrolled in the Health and Careers Academy at Noyes Hospital, and she has been nominated for Technical Honor Society. She also maintains high honor roll at school and is a member of the National Jr. Honor Society. Rischandra is an incredibly helpful young woman who aids her grandparents with household chores and can often be seen in public, helping others within

her community. Rischandra shows many characteristics of leadership – she was the captain of the soccer team, and has volunteered at blood drives. Rischandra is a loving sister and a strong role model to her peers.

*Nominated by Ivan Davis, Town of Portage Supervisor*

**Carly Underwood** is an active member of her community, volunteering her time for service causes. As a Livingston County Dairy Princess, she visits schools and reads to second graders, served strawberry shortcake to the disabled, participates in parades, and assisted her neighbor Marge Galton with her apple harvest and gardening. Carly encourages others to support and understand the local dairy industry. She is also a member of her church group, Skills USA, and Future Farmers of America. Carly is an all-around good role model to the youth of the community. *Nominated by Suzanne Marcin, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Teacher*

## ***Sparta***

**Rachel Doe** is a pleasant young girl who is concerned for her peers and community at large. She is involved in several outstanding groups; Rachel is a Bridge to Employment student ambassador, is the secretary for the 4-H Teen Council, helped organize a blood drive with National Honor Society, is a lifeguard for a summer recreation program, is an Angel Food helper, a member of her church youth group, is a member of countless school organizations, and is a speaker for the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. While Rachel is involved in many great activities and demonstrates a great sense of leadership and commitment, her ability to overcome personal challenges and tragedy is one of the things that stand out about her the most. Rachel has faced tragedy within her family, and is willing to share her experiences with others in order to help prevent similar tragedies in the future. Rachel is selfless, kind, and special, and her hard work will take her far in life.

*\*Nominated by Carrie Malone, Livingston County BEA Program Advisor and Sparta Town Board*

**Joseph Robert Coburn** is a volunteer Junior Firefighter for the Sparta Fire Hall who has demonstrated willingness and has been eager to help

others in a time of need. Besides assisting firemen at fire scenes, he helps with fundraisers and must attend training sessions. Joe not only has helped his grandparents with household duties, but he has also helped elderly neighbors with yard work and household chores, as well. Joseph has experienced many personal losses throughout his young adult life, but he has built the strength to overcome these hardships and has grown into a caring, helpful young man who has gone above his call of duty.  
*Nominated by Sparta Town Board*

**Joshua Graves** is a natural leader and role model, and has often showcased his abilities in his Criminal Justice class, where he is a team leader of the patrol unit. Joshua's self-motivation and behavior causes him to excel in the classroom, and this influences his classmates to do the same. He is also on his school's wrestling team and has an active role in the United Methodist Church of Dansville. Joshua belongs to a family with ten children, and although he may feel "lost in the mix" at times, he will always stand out in his community as a youth leader.  
*Nominated by Judy Essig, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership  
Criminal Justice Instructor*

## ***Springwater***

**Amanda J. Mitchell** is an exemplary young woman who has made numerous contributions to her community. She has been a volunteer for Clara Barton Chapter #1 of the American Red Cross for three years, helped to form a Relay for Life Team, acted as a spokesperson for the Red Cross at the annual Wayland – Cohocton Middle School Health Fair, helped to organize the Clara Barton Classic Golf Tournament, and is now a blood donor. Amanda is also involved in several church youth groups, is a member of her school's chorus, and is a cheerleader. Amanda has responsibilities to care for her younger siblings and act as a role model to them. She has indeed proved to be an outstanding role model, not only to her siblings, but to the other youths throughout her community as well.  
*Nominated by Barry Haywood, Chair, Board of Directors, Clara Barton Chapter #1 of the American Red Cross*

**Matthew Sackett** is very involved with community service, JV basketball, and his church. He is an avid hunter and fisherman. At the tree farm where he works in Springwater, Mathew can be found transplanting and maintaining the trees. At Christmas, he helped make

decorations and harvest customers' Christmas trees. He also performs community service through Faith Bible Church Teen Ministry by clearing walkways in the winter, helping to set up the meeting room, and preparing food bundles for the needy. Matthew has worked hard at becoming a role model for younger teens. Most important, Mathew cares deeply for his family. He can frequently be found at his grandmother's helping her with daily chores and being her friend. His spirit of helping others positively impacts anyone he meets.

*Nominated by Zachary Randolph, Faith Bible Church Youth Minister*

**Allison Stead** has worked for many organizations and has learned much from her community service work. She is a member of the 4-H Club, for which she has held the positions of secretary and president, is a religious education teacher and Eucharistic minister at her church, is vice president of the Student Council, team captain of the varsity swim team, and is the Public Relations Officer of National Honor Society. She has also volunteered at county and state fairs, a teen council ice cream booth, the advisory committee, the parent-teacher organization, and senior citizen dinners. Allison has found that helping people makes her feel better about herself and others. She has also discovered that she likes working with children and aspires to become a special education teacher. Allison is blessed with maturity, confidence, and a great sense of responsibility.

*Nominated by Mary Ann Scharmberg, 4-H Educator/Teen Council Advisor*

## ***York***

**Scott MacLeod** is a responsible young man and a natural leader. He is a faithful member of his church, where he consistently attends worship and is involved in all the fundraisers and mission projects. As a Boy Scout, Scott has gone above and beyond with his community service and volunteer work. He also participates on sports teams, such as varsity football, swimming, and track/field teams. Scott is always seeking ways to help others. Not only is he willing to assist those who are close to him such as his grandfather who has limitations in mobility, but he volunteers his time to community events such as blood drives. Scott leads by example and is respected by his peers. He is a well-rounded young adult whose attitude will help him continue to succeed.

*\*Nominated by Reverend Neil Frood Jr., York United Presbyterian Church, and Bill MacKenzie, York Central School District Teacher*

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To develop, implement and evaluate a county-wide system of services for youth.

### ***Vision Statement***

All Youth in Livingston County will have the opportunity to become healthy, productive, responsible, caring and committed community members

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