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United Way Awards Youth Scholarships

United Way of Door County has announced the four winners of their scholarship program targeted to high school seniors who demonstrated strong community involvement during their high school career. Scholarships were given to students on the basis of their community involvement through volunteering, rather than based on academic or athletic achievement. Each award is in the amount of \$500, which can be used for any educational expense, including books and fees.

Nicholas Cote won a scholarship award as a Sevastopol High School student. He spent countless hours volunteering at the Jim Larsen Boys & Girls Club over the past two years. Sally Weber Hasenfus, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club said "Nick is very attentive to the children, has a natural ease with them which makes the children feel safe." He will be attending MSOE in the fall.

A second Sevastopol High School scholarship award was presented to Kelsey Larsen. Kelsey stated "I wish to devote my efforts toward those who need it most through a career with the United Nation, U.S.A.I.D., or the World Health Organization." Her local volunteer activities include blood drive assistance, highway clean-up, educational presentations for elementary students and FFA truly demonstrates her understanding of the importance of community involvement.

Alyssa Lenius was a scholarship award winner from Sturgeon Bay High School. Alyssa explained that "Volunteering has taught me many great skills, all of which I will be able to use in my future life." She volunteered for the past two years at DCMH, starting in the rehab center and then moving to the Skilled Nursing Facility. She will be a valued member of the student body at UW-LaCrosse next year.

Gibraltar High School's scholarship award was presented to Samantha Prust. During Samantha's high school years, she has been involved in her church, she has helped for four consecutive years at the Children's Christmas Store in Egg Harbor, and provided additional assistance for Family Center of Door County. She explains that volunteering "helped me to feel better about myself and it helped to alleviate some of the work from other volunteers and project managers".

Door County has been the beneficiary of the skillful, enthusiastic efforts of these students. The students, in turn, recognize the invaluable lessons learned through their community service. The United Way of Door County is proud to recognize Nick, Kelsey, Alyssa and Samantha for helping to forward their mission of empowering people to build better lives.

Any questions about United Way of Door County programs or volunteer opportunities can be directed to the United Way of Door County office at (920) 746-9645 or at info@unitedwaydc.com.

