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United Way Awards 2011 Youth Scholarships

United Way of Door County is pleased to announce the four recipients of its scholarship program awards targeted to high school seniors who demonstrated strong community involvement during their high school career. Scholarships are 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 \$500.00, which can be used for any educational expense, including books and fees.

Sturgeon Bay graduate, Nicholas Jon VanDreese was awarded a scholarship. During the past four years, he has volunteered at the Badger Boy event, been involved intensively with various mission opportunities at the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, the Sunshine House, the YMCA and Altrusa. He is a fine example of how to LIVE UNITED in Door County.

Two graduates from Gibraltar High School received scholarships as well - Hannah Cole and Holly Joy Free. Hannah has been a life-long member and volunteer for the Girl Scouts organization and has volunteered her time at Peninsula Players, the Door County Library system, the YMCA, Third Avenue Playhouse and knitted for the needy. These are just a few of the organizations that Hannah was involved in.

Holly has been very active within the community by volunteering for a 30-Hour Famine, helping with elementary music and art classes and being involved in many behind the scenes activities within the school district. Volunteering has led Holly to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher.

The recipient from Southern Door High School is Abraham Kielar. Abraham has been involved in mission trips with his church, volunteering with the Southern Door School District's AODA coalition, the Forestville Library, a school blood drive with the American Red Cross, plus he has volunteered for many other community organizations. Abraham stated that he chose to volunteer because he wants to make the world a better place, and that starts with his community.

Door County has been the beneficiary of the skillful, enthusiastic efforts of many students. The students, in turn, recognize the invaluable lessons learned through their community service. The United Way of Door County is proud to recognize Nicholas, Hannah, Holly and Abraham and all of this year's applicants 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.