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YMWIC Community Service Events

As a way to demonstrate the importance of giving back to the community and having compassion for those in need, YMWIC offers opportunities for our Scholars to participate in Community Service events. Our Chapters have participated in the following:

Chester Upland Chapter

Our Chester Upland Chapter participated in their first Community Service Event with the Chester Education Foundation (CEF). This organization promotes community revitalization through strategic partnerships in youth and workforce development, education, and college access.

Our Scholars got busy assisting CEF to clean and organize a new community space they just renovated by removing debris, moving furniture, and retrieving furniture from storage. The CEF staff are very fond of our Scholars and thankful for their hard work, and have offered them internship opportunities.

Coatesville and West Chester Chapters

The Coatesville and West Chester Chapters combined their first Community Service projects. Scholars created holiday cards for local area senior citizens. These beautiful hand-made holiday cards were created for seniors impacted by dementia and health issues at Coatesville Senior Center and the West Chester Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. This opportunity provided Scholars with the opportunity to express kindness and support during the busy holiday season to senior citizens in need of a little extra love and attention. The cards were delivered and presented by Scholar volunteers, who witnessed the positive impact of their work on the grateful recipients.

Furness High School Chapter

For their first Community Service event, Furness Scholars rolled up their sleeves to support their community during a cleanup event at Whitman Library. Scholars worked diligently to clean the outside grounds of the library, picking up litter, sweeping walkways, and tidying green spaces to create a welcoming environment for visitors. Their efforts not only enhanced the library's appearance but also demonstrated their commitment to maintaining shared community spaces.

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In addition to their cleanup efforts, Furness Scholars are actively collecting non-perishable food items to support Philabundance, a local organization dedicated to fighting hunger. This initiative reflects our Scholars and their families' dedication to making a positive impact both within and beyond their immediate community, highlighting their spirit of service and care for others.

Martin Luther King High School Chapter

This November, MLK Scholars participated in a heart-warming Community Service event at Simons Recreation Center to assist with their annual Turkey Basket Give-Away. Scholars helped organize and distribute food items for complete Thanksgiving meals, which included a large number of turkeys. They also lent a hand to community members by carrying items to their cars and worked diligently during cleanup, breaking down boxes and discarding trash.

Their efforts were greatly appreciated, and they have already been invited back to support Simons Recreation Center's Breakfast with Santa event. Additionally, we are excited to partner with Simons for our own **YMWIC Holiday Giving Event** to continue spreading joy and supporting the community. Scholars enjoyed this event which highlighted the importance of teamwork, generosity, and service during the holiday season!

Norristown Chapter

Scholars spent a Saturday afternoon at Norriton Square Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. While there, they helped to decorate the facility for the holidays and provide cheer for the residents. They assembled and decorated trees and fluffed wreaths which they then hung to be displayed on each resident's door.

After their decorating duties, they had time to spend time with residents playing Jeopardy and leading them in singing Christmas carols. The Center residents greatly appreciated the Scholars' visit, as it lifted their spirits and prepared them for the holidays. They were sad to see them go but are eager for them to return next year!

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Phoenixville Chapter

Scholars gathered in the parking lot of the Phoenixville YMCA and donned their florescent safety vests to help collect coats, jackets, sweaters, and other winter weather garments for Orion Communities' Annual Coat Drive. Each year, Orion Communities holds an event called the Warmth Boutique where anyone from the Phoenixville community is welcome to come and take whatever winter apparel they need for the season.

As donors arrived in their cars with trunks full of coats and donations, our Scholars greeted them with enthusiasm and transferred the donations from their trunks to the Orion Communities' vehicles. They made certain each donor also received a pamphlet about Orion Communities and all the amazing services they provide to the community.

All of the collected donations were available to the public in Orion Communities' Warmth Boutique for the next 10 days. Phoenixville Scholars later returned to help organize and package the remaining coats and winter gear. They were then sorted into various collections to be donated to other helpful organizations in the surrounding area.

Upper Darby Chapter

Upper Darby Scholars took part in a Food and Winter Coat Drive for Murphy's Giving Market in Upper Darby. Scholars and their families generously purchased and collected non-perishable food from their neighbors and friends. They then sorted and organized the food to be delivered to Murphy's by a group of parents.

The staff at Murphy's were very thankful for the donation and that YMWIC Scholars and their families were able to help them bless the community this holiday season.

William Penn Chapter

In November, William Penn Scholars supported Scouting for Food in connection with the Boy Scouts of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, in a Food Drive event. Scholars gathered at First Presbyterian Church of Lansdowne as members of the community arrived with their food donations.

They then helped to sort and organize the food and arrange it in the food pantry to be distributed to those in need. Their efforts were very much appreciated by the Boy Scouts of Lansdowne and certainly will be by the recipients of the food donations.