The Ashtabula Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy Program Announces 2021 Grant Awards

The Youth Philanthropy Program, initiated by the Ashtabula Foundation, first began in the 2010-2011 school year at Grand Valley High School and now has programs in all ten High Schools in Ashtabula County, including, Edgewood, Geneva, Grand Valley, Jefferson, Lakeside, Pymatuning, St. John Catholic School, Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center, Grand River Academy, and Conneaut High School, which has been sponsored directly by the Conneaut Foundation since 2014.

Throughout this program, students have learned that the needs in our community, for outnumber the $5,000 that they have to distribute, and as a result, students go above and beyond by volunteering their time – another much-needed form of philanthropy. Many Youth Philanthropy students volunteer at local nonprofit organizations to help serve food, build furniture for shelters, pick up trash, build wheelchair ramps and even raise money through school clothing drives and chili cookoffs.

At the close of the 2020-21 school year, thousands of students will have participated in the Ashtabula Foundation, Youth Philanthropy Program and will have granted over $300,000 to local non-profit organizations.

Congratulations to all the local non-profits who received grants this year and thank you to all High School Youth Philanthropy Boards for their dedication to helping our community!