The Community Chest of eastern Bergen County  
2020 Young Woman’s Leadership Award

**JUNIOR AWARD FIRST PLACE**

*Eliza Siletto*, a junior at the Dwight-Englewood School, is the first place winner of The Community Chest’s Young Women’s Junior Leadership Award. Eliza is a tireless environmentalist and citizen lobbyist. Taking the lead with her girl scout troop, Eliza successfully lobbied over 5 years for a plastic bag ban in her hometown of Teaneck. Since then, Eliza has put her efforts towards stricter state legislation of plastic use by speaking at the NJ Joint Legislature’s session on plastic, and at Governor Murphy’s Town Hall, as well as individual meetings with our state representatives. She and her troop received the NJ Environmental Lobbyist Award. Eliza is currently creating a how-to video to educate other young people who want to be successful citizen lobbyists. Eliza also co-founded the Teaneck Kids Chronicle newspaper when she was in middle school. She was the editor for 4 years and received the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce’s Youth Achievement Award for her efforts. In addition, Eliza is a member of the D-E Absolute Zero robotics team where she is head of outreach and management, she is a volunteer English tutor and is actively working to increase diversity awareness at her school. In the future, Eliza hopes to pursue government policy law or environmental studies so she can build on her experience as a citizen lobbyist and fulfill her passion for community service and making positive change.

**JUNIOR RUNNER-UP AWARDS**

*Susan Dong* is the first runner up for The Community Chest’s Young Women’s Junior Leadership Award. Susan is a student at Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan where she is captain of the varsity field hockey team, president of the Chinese Club, a member of the varsity debate team, DECA executive Board fundraiser liaison and
Susan is a passionate advocate for minorities, researching, advocating and increasing awareness in her community. She plans on continuing her work for humanitarian and social reform in the future.

Mia Clingham is the second runner up in the Young Women’s Junior Leadership Award given by The Community Chest. Mia is a student at Tenafly High School where she is a member of the Varsity Soccer, VP of the Green Team, Varsity Debate Team judge, teen educator with Tenafly Teen Pep and President of the FCCLA club. She is also a competitive dancer with Broadway Bound Dance Company. She has used her passion for dance to create a dance fundraiser at her alma mater: Stillman Elementary School each year. After seeing a need with her own grandparents, Mia started a project called Coffee Talk in her town which teaches seniors how to use technology to increase communication with family and friends. She is also active with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church building homes in upstate New York. Mia hopes to continue her community service activities and advocacy for others in the future.