SLHS student receives Mudita Gift

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From left, Sam Negen receives a $500 Mudita Gift from Sandy Parker and Barbara Lee Van Horssen.

Sam Negen, a junior at Spring Lake High School, is well on his way toward a career as a photographer and videographer. In fact, that’s what he plans to study when he graduates next year.
Having a gimbal to stabilize his video camera would make the task easier and would result in more professional videos, so he will use a $500 Mudita Gift from Extended Grace to help pay for one.

Currently, Negen is involved with The Chalkboard Project at SLHS, a program that helps create more positive self-images for students.

This Mudita Gift was sponsored by On the Path Yoga of Spring Lake. Owner Sandy Parker said members of the Women’s Circle at On the Path chose the particular sponsorship because they wanted to help people, especially in giving them voices.

“People sponsor Mudita Gift awards out of generosity,” said Extended Grace Executive Director Barbara Lee Van Horssen. “Sponsors don’t know who will receive the gifts. They act on trust.”

Mudita Gift awards are given to individuals who have creative ideas for making the world a better place. Applications are available at the Momentum Center for Social Engagement, 714 Columbus Ave. in Grand Haven, and online at extendedgrace.org.

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