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John Carroll club honored for philanthropy

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The John Carroll High School Anchor Club and junior Jane Plummer were awarded the prestigious National Philanthropy Day's Outstanding Youth Group in Philanthropy and Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy respectively.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals, which represents more than 30,000 professional fundraisers in 198 chapters throughout the world, sponsors this event annually.

Anchor Club sponsor Rebecca Dempsey and president Frances Bigay accepted the award on behalf of the Anchor Club. The 80-member club is part of a national organization for young ladies, which is sponsored by the Pilot International Women's Professional Club.

This inspiring group has encouraged and motivated young people to follow its example by showing others how much fun volunteering is and by telling their friends.

"We are positively impacting our community, and people are paying attention," said club president Frances Bigay. "We like to act as role models for others because when they see what we do

and how we help those in need, they may feel inspired to do the same."

Just this past year, the group hosted a blood drive, volunteered with Hibiscus House, Relay For Life, Special Olympics, Freedom Foundation, Mustard Seed Ministries, Port St. Lucie Nursing Home, Pilot Club, WPSL's Christmas Kids, Run for the Coach 5K, Habitat for Humanity, Abbiejean Russell Care Center, numerous local parishes and many more organizations.

Plummer has been motivated to help her community since the day she started volunteering. One organization to which Jane devotes hours is a local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. The group donates finances to those who have imminent financial needs, such as paying bills, urgent travel expenses, finding a temporary home, etc.

Congratulations to the John Carroll High School honorees for their extraordinary service and for being recognized as National Philanthropy Day winners. Youth throughout our area are blessed to see students who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to the welfare of others through dedication and financial support for those in need.



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