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DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

Award Holder/Group Name: James

Category: Champion Fundraiser

Organisation: Barr Beacon School

Town:

Region: West Midlands

James has been a determined and passionate fundraiser through his local Sea Cadets over the past 6 years. He has supported Royal British Legion, Sutton Troop Support, Marie Curie and Help for Heroes through bag packing, selling merchandise and playing key roles in fundraising events. In one year the Sea Cadets raised £16,000 for charity to which James played a big part. James is looked up to by their peers as a positive role model both at school as a prefect and at Sea Cadets as a mentor to the younger cadets.

Award Holder/Group Name: Ryan

Category: Champion Fundraiser

Organisation: Barr Beacon School

Town:

Region: West Midlands

Ryan is a determined volunteer at his school and will always take lead roles during school events that benefit the school, wider community and charitable causes. He contributed to the raising of £16,000 through his local Sea Cadets and has also supported Royal British Legion, Sutton Troop Support, Marie Curie and Help for Heroes. He has given up a great deal of his own time to volunteer with the Sea Cadets over 6 years and alongside another member has raised the money for a new kayak for their unit.

Award Holder/Group Name: Ruqayah

Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser

Organisation: Wood Green Academy

Town: Wednesbury

Region: West Midlands

Ruqayah is a passionate fundraiser for the charity Human Appeal International who bring sanitation and water aid to families living in conflict zones. Since discovering the charity and their work she has raised over £3,500 through bucket collections and car washes, pledging to raise at least £25,000! Ruqayah also supports Human Appeal International through her participation in weekly meetings and awareness raising events with the charity describing her as one of their most committed volunteers. Ruqayah is an Ambassador for her Sixth

Award Holder/Group Name: Team Mentality

Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser

Organisation: Envision

Town: Birmingham

Region: West Midlands

Team Mentality is passionate about raising money for Birmingham Mind and tackling the stigma surrounding mental health. The team were inspired to support the cause after learning that one in four people suffer some form of mental health distress, yet the problem is spoken of so little. Through a successful social media campaign and local fundraising initiatives the team have raised the profile of mental health distress in their community and raised much needed funds for Birmingham Mind who support those experiencing mental health issues through supported housing, events, training and one to one assistance.

DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

Award Holder/Group Name: Break the Chain

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Envision

Town: Birmingham

Region: West Midlands

Break The Chain established a campaign to raise awareness of child neglect and abuse in Birmingham through social media, information workshops and an interactive art exhibition. The group also carried out surveys in their community to gauge current understanding of child neglect as well as providing information about NSPCC's services to inform people that help is available. The team have received great praise for their work and have been asked to return to the school to deliver further workshops including a week long workshop encouraging young people to tackle social justice issues through art, called Craftivism.

Award Holder/Group Name: Clarke

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Painsley Catholic College

Town: Cheadle

Region: West Midlands

Clarke has been inspirational in ensuring the voice of young people is heard and acted upon in issues that affect them in the local community as well as at national level. As part of the Staffordshire Moorlands Youth Service he has worked to raise awareness of mental health issues in young people and a lack of available support services. He has been a UK Youth Parliament Candidate for his area for a number of years and is a school council, district council and academy student voice representative. In these forums he has publically addressed young people, appeared on BBC's Question Time and lobbied in the Houses of Parliament.

Award Holder/Group Name: Megan

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: YSS, Worcestershire Young Carers

Town: Worcester

Region: West Midlands

Meg is a proactive campaigner for young carers and has worked over the last two years to raise awareness. Meg is part of a participation group who meet monthly, working actively to help organise and deliver two conferences for professionals. Meg has also been interviewed by BBC Hereford and Worcester around her caring role. In sixth form Meg did a presentation to raise awareness and funds for Young Carers. Meg cares for family members who have illnesses and disabilities, attending college and has her own health issues.

Award Holder/Group Name: Team Able

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Envision

Town: Birmingham

Region: West Midlands

Team Able chose to campaign about child disability in Birmingham. The team were shocked that 65% of people admit to avoiding a disabled person because they didn't know how to interact with them. The team had a speaker from Kids Charity, who work with disabled children, they were very inspired with their work and very passionate about ending the stigma towards disabilities. Team Able have already left a legacy. Two primary schools have invited the group to do follow up workshops for their school during

the Olympic week to further understand about Paralympics. They are extremely committed and have dedicated many hours (over 200 hours of volunteering as a group!) to raise awareness about child disability.

DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

Award Holder/Group Name: The Peer Support Team

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Hereward College

Town: Coventry

Region: West Midlands

The Peer Support Team at Hereward College allows new and prospective students to be able to talk through any problems they may be experiencing and get advice from fully trained peer supporters who are of a similar age to themselves. This year, the PST has focused on cyber bullying. The main activity consisted of the students writing down positive comments or what they thought of bullying on a social network comment box. The comments were then stuck onto boxes. The boxes represent the strength that can be constructed by incorporating everyone's positive comments together. They are invaluable to the school and incredible role models.

Award Holder/Group Name: Sukhraj

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Bishop Perowne Church of England College

Town: Worcester

Region: West Midlands

Sukhraj has been an excellent anti-bullying ambassador. He has been proactive in organising activities within our school but has also been very keen in promoting anti-bullying with local primary schools. Over his time as an anti-bullying ambassador and as part of the youth board I have seen Sukhraj grow in confidence. He has been an integral part of the team and leading others in developing a successful anti-bullying programme. He has continually come up with ideas on how to promote events and raise money for charity. He has also been a fantastic role model for others and it is through his success that more anti-bullying ambassadors have signed up!

Award Holder/Group Name: Eastlands Primary School Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Eastlands Primary School

Town: Rugby

Region: West Midlands

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors established an Anti-Bullying campaign based on data collected from their peers about bullying at the school. Once key issues were identified they planned and carried out activities and events that targeted their peer's specific problems leading assemblies, organising 'Smile and Compliment' days and displaying positive messages throughout the school. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are very well known around the school and their peers are very aware of the service that they can receive should they require support.

Award Holder/Group Name: Ting
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Haybridge High School and Sixth Form
Town: Stourbridge
Region: West Midlands

Ting is an unusually talented, hardworking and conscientious young woman. She has a long history in school of participating in a range of activities that help others and promote positive community life and staff here expect her to make a notable contribution to wherever she studies and works in future. Ting is always in the thick of volunteering, helping, leading and setting a great example for others. She often uses her considerable artistic skills to help spread positive messages around school and she is well-known, respected and liked by all.

DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

Award Holder/Group Name: Amar
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Barr Beacon School
Town: Walsall
Region: West Midlands

Amar devotes much of his free time to support a range of charities outside of school. Two of the charities he supports regularly are Khalsa Aid; an international non-profit aid and relief organisation founded on the Sikh principles of selfless service and universal love and Midland Langar Seva Society; a charity providing food and care for the homeless. Amar volunteers during the week as well as every weekend to support these charities and is dedicated to improving the lives of others. Amar is a helpful and kind-hearted individual, modest about the fantastic work he does, as to him, it is part of everyday life.

Award Holder/Group Name: Gloucestershire Youth Management Team
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Hope Support Services
Town: Ross on Wye
Region: West Midlands

Gloucestershire Youth Management Team are dedicated to helping other young people when a family member has a life threatening illness. Each member has experienced their own family health crisis and can therefore shape a service to support their peers, devoting time, resources and energy to supporting others, fundraising and promoting Hope Support Services. All money raised directly funds activities and courses for Hope's young people including a 1-2-1 Worker who provides additional support. The group have a direct impact on the developments within Hope, providing a young people's insight to the support Hope offers.

Award Holder/Group Name: Joseph
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Barr Beacon School
Town: Walsall
Region: West Midlands

Joe is both a positive role model and an incredibly dedicated volunteer; giving his time to enhance the experience of school life for both his peers and staff at school. He has created learning resources and acted as a teaching assistant in his Humanity and Language departments. He mentors younger students, chairs the school council and acts as Head Boy and a Senior Prefect. Joe has creative ideas for successful charity initiatives and has been involved in the organisation of his school's prom, open evenings and trips overseas.

Award Holder/Group Name: Lucy
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: YSS Worcestershire Young Carers
Town: Worcester
Region: West Midlands

Lucy is an active member of WYC's Participation Group which is a local forum for young carers to have a voice; influencing local services and helping to shape policies which impact on young carer's lives. As a young carer herself Lucy is exceptionally caring and supportive of other young people who find themselves in a similar position and is a hugely positive influence in their lives. As well as the impact to the lives of others, volunteering has helped Lucy herself. Battling with her own health issues, since volunteering her confidence and ability to communicate with others has rocketed. A very worthy recipient of a Diana Award.

Award Holder/Group Name: Mani
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: King Edward VI Aston School
Town: Birmingham
Region: West Midlands

Mani identified the refugee crisis to be of utmost importance within his community and internationally. His goal quickly became organizing as much as he could at a local level to make a difference with hopes of creating a ripple effect. He began by organizing visits to a nearby sanctuary. The visits inspired him and his team to collect donations, put together care packages and raise awareness. Mani works hard to share his knowledge both in and outside of school and has experienced solid positive feedback.

Award Holder/Group Name: MedSoc
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Barr Beacon School
Town: Walsall
Region: West Midlands

The idea of creating a university-style medicine society in school originated with three prospective medical students. After attending a workshop at the Royal Society of Medicine Abieeda, Simran and Lois felt they had a duty to inspire the next generation of medics. It was on their return train journey to Birmingham that the idea evolved into the 'Barr Beacon Medical Society' as it is today. The students were very excited about a medical society which would inform younger pupils about future careers in medicine. They envisioned having guest speakers from medical schools as well as practising doctors. This vision rapidly became a reality and they now have over 60 members of the society, all of whom can credit their three older peers for giving them a real insight into their futures.

Award Holder/Group Name: Rock Scheme (Group A)

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Painsley Catholic College

Town: Cheadle

Region: West Midlands

The Rock Scheme consists of a group of young people who give up their personal time, within a very hectic work schedule, to care for the needs of others. They work with the oldest and the youngest in their local community to ensure social interaction and respond to the physical and emotional needs of others. The Rock Scheme organise Christmas parties for the elderly, distribute goods to the needy during Harvest and carries out weekly lunchtime placements in care homes, nurseries and at the local tea dance. They are a group of inspirational young people who desire the very best for those who they encounter.

Award Holder/Group Name: Rock Scheme (Group B)

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Painsley Catholic College

Town: Cheadle

Region: West Midlands

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Award Holder/Group Name: Chloe

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Envision

Town: Birmingham

Region: West Midlands

While working on a school project, Chloe noticed there was a void in her community and aimed to make a difference. Chloe worked to rally her peers in order to help local elders who had experienced isolation. After over 70 hours of volunteering and organizing her team she was able to make a difference by working with a local organization. Chloe's work touched many lives and continues to do so on a daily basis.

Award Holder/Group Name: Zara

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Envision

Town: Birmingham

Region: West Midlands

Zara took part in a Community Apprentice program at her school and since then has volunteered over 170 hours going well over the required amount. Zara was able to identify homelessness as a true area of concern and didn't waste any time getting to work in order to help out. In addition to the work her and her teammates did through their school program, Mia went the extra mile and organized many volunteering opportunities at the local shelter and coordinated fundraisers, out of school, with Tesco. Mia helped to bring the fundraised total to well over £600.

DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

Award Holder/Group Name: Alex

Category: Diana Courageous Citizen

Organisation: Baxter College

Town: Kidderminster

Region: West Midlands

Despite the pressures of being a sole carer Alex strives to put everyone before himself and has been an inspiration to his peers but has also achieved academically despite these challenges resulting in a place on an Art Foundation Course after 6th Form. Alex has always been keen to help others who are less fortunate than himself at school taking on the role of peer mentor to other young people and playing an integral part in the school's anti-bullying campaign. Alex is seen as a positive role model by both students and staff and retains an infectious positive outlook on life.