



2022 Recipient ~ Ava Jackson
The Ursuline School, Class of 2022

St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester's mission of charity and healthcare is supported by its belief in respect, compassion, dignity for human life and commitment to community. Through my experiences, I have demonstrated the mission of St. Vincent Hospital from middle school to my senior year of high school.

I started volunteering in my community in the eighth grade. I helped at a senior living center in Harlem where a group of volunteers and I would help transport the elderly from their rooms to the ballroom so that they could listen to the local band that was playing at the center. After middle school and through most of high school, I continued service to my community service at my local church, Blessed Sacrament. I would assist the director of religious education help set up the Sunday school and help manage activities like the Christmas play.

I also brought my service mindset to my high school community, The Ursuline School. Through my school, I volunteered in efforts to raise money for multiple fundraisers such as the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Westchester Polar Plunge, The Lustgarten Foundation Walk, the AFYA bike-a-thon. In my senior year of high school, I joined the Children's Health/ Cystic Fibroses Awareness Club. Through the club we helped pack donated clothes and gifts for children who are in the hospital with cystic fibroses. I also have assisted in many activities that help those who need food services. I have volunteered at the Hope Soup Kitchen many times. I also have participated in many food drives held at my school.

Throughout my experience in high school, I have over 100 hours of community service to the community where I live, where I attend mass and where I go to school. The charities vary but they focus on respect, compassion and dignity for those in need.