

2023 Recipient ~ Chloe Mulshine School of the Holy Child, Class of 2024

"Actions not words." This phrase has influenced every facet of my life as a third generation Holy Child Gryphon. My mother, grandmother, great aunt, and most of my honorary aunts have all attended Holy Child and have all played a part into making me the woman that I am today. I first enrolled at Holy Child my eighth-grade year, and have since loved my time at Holy Child, immersing myself in my academics, sports, and social life, but mostly in the community service offered through Holy Child.

During eighth grade and throughout my freshman and sophomore years, I assembled Blizzard Boxes through an organization called Meals on Wheels, which assists those who are unable to access food during a blizzard or storm. Through this service, I was able to follow my passion for helping those in my community, while also getting my entire family involved to make a positive impact, even while social distancing during the pandemic.

During my sophomore year, I was able to participate in my first Fuller Center build. Following the floods in Mamaroneck from Hurricane Ida, many families' homes were destroyed, and many couldn't afford the necessary. I had never had the opportunity to meet the people I was helping directly through my volunteer work, but after I helped to insulate ceilings and take down molded drywall, I was able to talk with the woman who owned the home and hear her stories of her memories in her house. After having insight into what influence I was making, I wanted to extend my reach. During the winter of my sophomore year, I participated as a leader of Midnight Run, organizing donations, encouraging every student in my grade to donate, assembling bags of food and clothing, and participating in the run early on Sunday morning. After a blizzard the night before, I was glad to be able to provide some comfort to homeless people in New York City. Through these acts of service, I was able to see my impact in my community and reflect on how I was going to help my community in the future.

Beginning my junior year, I became co-President of Cooking for a Cause, a club at Holy Child dedicated to using personal strengths of baking or cooking to make an impact and help others in our community. Throughout the year, we have orchestrated bake sales for Meals on Main Street, to address food insecurity in our area and the International Red Cross, to raise money for their relief efforts following the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The Cooking for a Cause club also organized pie making for the Thanksgiving gathering at the Mamaroneck Community Resource Center, held a Christmas Cookie Drive to help Holy Child

students convey their appreciation of our teachers and staff. In addition, the club has been able to work with other clubs at Holy Child to extend our impact on the community.

After volunteering over eighty hours so far during my high school career, Holy Child's foundation of service has made volunteering a habit– one I hope to continue throughout my future– college and beyond.