2021 Recipient ~ Jenny Di Capua
Sacred Heart Greenwich, Class of 2023

I am fortunate to be a member of a community that views community service as an integral part of student life. As a student at Sacred Heart Greenwich, my school community has taught me the importance of seeing the world through the lens of my Catholic faith. Specifically, Catholic values such as respect for the dignity of human life and compassion for others, continue to inspire my commitment to community service.

As a Sophomore Community Service Ambassador at Sacred Heart Greenwich, I strive to embody these values every day. By promoting ongoing education around issues of social concern, throughout the school year, I strive to create enthusiasm around community service initiatives, and facilitate experiences that are grounded in action. Furthermore, by working closely with faculty and other members of the student council, I have organized grade level initiatives focused on understanding around important issues facing our community and world, such as poverty, homelessness, and discrimination.

For instance, I have helped organize community service efforts such as collecting baby supplies for women in the military and grocery gift cards for people struggling to support their families at Christmas. Additionally, I have guided SGH community members to fundraise and support nursing home residents in the Bronx, as well as organizations that support the homeless.

While the Covid-19 Pandemic has changed our outreach this year, in many ways it has highlighted how urgent it is for us to respond, further calling us as people of faith to serve in any way that we are able. I am deeply honored to receive the 2021 St. Vincent's Youth Award on behalf of Sacred Heart Greenwich. I look forward to continuing my community service work well into the future.