

2021 Recipient ~ John Paul Prince Archbishop Stepinac High School, Class of 2022

Last spring, two of my Catholic elementary school friends and I set up a GoFundMe page called Friends4Frontlines, we raised over \$10,000 to support the frontline healthcare workers in Westchester County. We provided meals for the night staff as White Plains Hospital, Westchester Medical Center and Cabrini Nursing Home. Friends4Frontlines wanted to help the area first responders' night-shift staff that had been overlooked in meal donations.

We ordered the food from local restaurants and coordinated with area hospitals. Friends4- Frontlines delivered over 1,500 meals last spring. We included messages of thankfulness. I am grateful to everyone that supported my efforts to salute the selfless frontline healthcare workers who helped care for others in time of crisis.

Then this fall, with the resurgence of the COVID, we felt we should re-start Friend4Frontlines. In addition Friends4Frontlines were featured nationally on a segment on ABC's Good Morning America! During the show, we were given a \$5,000 donation from Cottonelle! We have raised over \$23,000 to help our local restaurants provide over 2,500 meals for the nightshift ER staffs.

Friends4Frontlines will continue to support our area emergency rooms until our funds are used up. This experience has taught me a lot about volunteerism, importance of local support and organizing a fundraising project. I am honored that Stepinac has nominated me for this award from St. Joseph Hospital, which I know was founded by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. I am very proud that my great-grandfather was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He dedicated his adult life to helping others. I am proud to carry on his dedication to helping people regardless of who they are because they see the face of Christ in all they serve.