

'Beyond the call of duty'

Farmington Youth Assistance honors active teens

Busy folks, those 18 young people honored recently by Farmington Youth Assistance for their community volunteer spirit.

Their full schedules might be one of many reasons why their names were called at a FYA breakfast at the Mercy Center. "Those who are the most active tend to get the best results," said the FYA's Bill Brunette.

Youth recognition awards go to "kids who have gone beyond the call of duty," added Oakland County Probate Judge Joan E. Young, who presented the 18 such awards recently at the breakfast. "These 18 definitely meet that criterion."

Two of the honorees — Jessica Fouts and Jenny Shirey — don't attend an organized school but are "home schooled" by their parents.

"It's quite an honor for them," said Mark Fouts, Jessica's father, at the breakfast. "It proves that they're normal kids and can participate in this sort of thing like anyone else."

Fouts and Shirey, both listed as seventh-graders, were nominated by Sharon Vincent, young adult librarian at the Farmington Community Library. Both are active as volunteers in the library system.

Other honorees: Jennifer Battle, a 10th-grader at Harrison High School, was nominated by Charmaine Ragusa, a Spanish teacher at Harrison. Battle is active in Alpha Kappa Alpha, Pi Tau Omega Teens, the school Spanish Club and as a volunteer with the Detroit Rescue Mission.

David Bjorklund, a Harrison 11th-grader, did volunteer work with the Nardin Park Methodist Church youth group and on an Appalachia Service Project. He was nominated by Debbie Eason, Harrison teacher.

Kimberly Davis, another Harrison 10th-grader nominated by Ragusa, is a telephone volunteer, works with the Detroit chapter of Co-tette Club and is active in the Metropolitan Teen Conference. Ella de Leon, a Mercy High School senior, was nominated by Patricia Atchinson of the Mercy Community Action Program. Her activities include Students Against Driving Drunk, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church youth group and as a tutor.

Brendan Fay, active in Scouting, was nominated by Jeff Green of Troop 389. Fay, a Harrison 10th-grader, is a junior assistant scout master and participates on the HHS soccer and track teams.

Elizabeth Graham, another Ragusa nominee from the 10th grade at Harrison, worked on the Appalachia Service Project, Students Against Driving Drunk and on the Orchard Methodist Church youth group.

Keely Jones, a North Farmington High School senior, also worked on the Appalachia Project, on the Nardin Park youth group and is a member of the National Honor Society. She was nominated by North Farmington teachers Virginia Lambert and Kathleen Summerlee.

Jessica Jorissen, a Mercy High 10th-grader, was nominated by Peter Anton of the St. Clare Catholic Church, where she is a volunteer teacher. She also volunteers at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

Catherine Kenny, a Mercy senior, was nominated by Atchinson of the Mercy Community Action Program. She's involved in Habitat for Humanity and the youth group of Faith Covenant Church.

Eather Kim, a North Farmington 11th-grader, is in the National Honor Society and volunteers at the Botsford Hospital Rehabilitation Unit. She was nominated by Adele Emmer of the Botsford Volunteer Services.

Kerri MacKenzie, a Farmington High 11th-grader, is active as a representative of the Southeastern Michigan Youth Summit, a participant in World Youth Day and as a member of the St. Alexander Catholic Church youth group. She was nominated by Julian Wargo of St. Alexander.

Ryan McKelley, a North Farmington junior, volunteers with Focus: Hope and the Appalachia Service Project and is a member of the St. Fabian Catholic Church youth group. He was nominated by St. Fabian's Judy Thibodeau.

Lynn Otwell, a Harrison junior, is another Thibodeau nominee from St. Fabian. She participates in the church youth group and



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has worked on the Appalachia project.

Jonathan Szutarski, a North Farmington senior, is yet another Thibodeau nominee. He worked on the Appalachia Project, Junior Achievement and is a member of

the St. Fabian youth group.

Jeremiah Teeples, a Farmington High 10th-grader, was nominated by Phyllis Howard of Farmington Neighborhood House, where he volunteers. He also volunteers for Head Start and Farm-

ington Goodfellows.

Tawnya Teeples, Jeremiah's sister and a Farmington High senior, was also nominated by Howard for the same of the same activities Neighborhood House and Head Start.

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