

# Young 'room brighteners' cited for volunteer work

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Youth was served — breakfast — recently at the Botsford Inn, as 14 Farmington-area young people were honored for their volunteer work.

"They've given their best, and it's not for their own recognition but for their own personal satisfaction," said Cathy Webb, a Farmington School Board trustee who spoke at the eighth-annual Farmington Youth Assistance Recognition Breakfast.

Some 21 students were nominated for the award by community leaders. The 14 selected are "the kind of people who brighten a room when the walk into it," said Webb.

Honored were:  
**Premchand Anne**, a senior at Farmington High School, has been involved in a variety of activities that benefit others. He has assisted with shelving books, organizing materials and helping patrons at the Farmington Branch Library. He is a tutor for the FHS Math Lab, and has volunteered at Botsford and St. Mary's hospitals. He also works with special education students.

**Todd Breen**, a seventh-grader at East Middle School, has an early start on volunteering. He has worked with the children of the Prime Time program. According to his nominator, he plans and carries out crafts and other activities for the children. He is involved in the Leader's Club at the local YMCA, and does other volunteer work for the organization.

**Matthew Citrin**, a 10th-grader at Harrison High School, is involved in his AZA Chapter, a nationwide group for Jewish teens. He is on the executive board, and has helped raise thousands of dollars for the Children's Miracle Network. He also has raised funds for the International Services Foundation and has volunteered for canned food drives.

**Michelle Falvo**, an 11th-grader at Mercy High School, has made an ongoing commitment to the Sorrows athletic program. Four

four years, she has operated the concession stand for Catholic Youth Organization sports. She also has devoted many hours to helping junior high youth by chaperoning dances and working on the program's Leadership Committee. She is "a wonderful role model for younger students," said nominator Patricia Atkinson of Mercy High.

**Susan Glowacki**, a Harrison senior, has contributed her time to the Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield where she organizes and sorts files in the Medical Records Department. She also was involved in "Paint the Town," a project to renovate houses in Detroit last summer. "Susan is one of the most responsible, caring, conscientious students I've ever had the pleasure to have in class," said Harrison's Charmaine Ragusa, Glowacki's nominator.

**Linda Lacina**, a Harrison 10th-grader, is a volunteer docent at the Farmington Historical Museum. Lacina tutors young children in French, and wrote an essay that was selected by Farmington Families in Action for its January newsletter. "She is very reliable and committed," said her nominator, Flannery Simpson of Harrison High.

**Heldi N. Lane**, an 11th-grader at Farmington High, has volunteered more than 300 hours at Botsford Hospital, working two days a week for the past 2 1/2 years. She greets and accompanies new patients to the laboratory, X-ray and admitting areas. Working on the floors, she answers call lights, passes out water to patients and makes beds. Nominator Adele R. Emmer of Botsford Hospital describes Lane as "one of the finest young women he have working in our organization."

**Jennifer L. Lessa**, a North Farmington High School 11th-grader, has been an active volunteer at her church, St. Fabian Catholic in Farmington Hills. She works on prayer services for youth meetings and has distributed food

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They help others: Fourteen student volunteers were honored by Farmington Youth Assistance recently with a breakfast at the Botsford Inn. They are (front row, from left) Matt Citrin, Linda Lacina, Samantha Rowland, Susan Glowacki, Heidi Lane, Michele Falvo, Eileen O'Connell and Jennifer Lessa; and (back row, from left) Matt Niskanen, Matt Sweet, Monica Moore, John Telford and Todd Breen. Premchand Anne, also honored, was missing.

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