

Delaware Community Foundation Selects Graham Dworkin '12 for Youth Philanthropy Board

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The Delaware Community Foundation has announced the selection of senior Graham Dworkin to their 2011-2012 Youth Philanthropy Board. The board is composed of high school students and is allotted a pool of money to give as charitable grants. Graham will be able to learn about philanthropy and effective grant making while also studying youth issues in the area.

This year, the board will award \$15,000 in grants to organizations that offer educational enrichment and life skills training to children who have been abused, neglected, or incarcerated and to programs promoting healthy lifestyles and wellness, including substance abuse prevention.

Retired Delaware educator Phyllis Wynn established the Youth Philanthropy Fund in 1999 because she wanted to encourage youth to become more involved in philanthropic ventures.

"Every year, we are honored to have outstanding high school students join the Youth Philanthropy Boards to learn about and enjoy charitable giving," DCF President and CEO Fred Sears said. "By enabling these students to learn about and experience giving now, we're preparing the next generation to keep philanthropy strong in Delaware."

Graham has been an active member of the Community Service program at St. Andrew's since he arrived on campus. As a Community Service Leader this year he has supported numerous projects, including the school-wide AIDS Walk, the Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Drive, and helped organize bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Jay Hutchinson serves as Chaplain and Director of Community Service and also coaches Graham in soccer and lacrosse.

"Graham's selection to the Youth Philanthropy board is due to his creative thinking and his desire to take the next step in serving the larger community. Graham has distinguished himself as a senior willing to put extraordinary time and energy towards helping others. We are very proud of him taking part in this wonderful program and for spreading the St. Andrew's ethos of putting neighbor before self."