

PTSA Spotlight Award Winners

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2021-2022		
February 2022	Danielle Floyde	<p>We are happy to include Danielle Floyde (Dani) in our Community Service Spotlight! Dani is a Senior with a passion for community service and leadership. This year she is Co-Director of The Hope Festival, an entirely student-run, nonprofit organization that works to address poverty and homelessness in King County. Dani is involved in applying for grants, donations, and preparation for this year's Hope Festival (summer 2022). In addition to her involvement with The Hope Festival, Dani serves as Secretary, and volunteers as an instructor, at Planet Youth Project, a teen-led non-profit organization based in Sammamish. Planet Youth Project offers free educational programs to local elementary-aged students, introducing them to the effects of climate change with an engaging curriculum focused on action.</p> <p>Over the past year, Dani has showcased her leadership skills at EHS as well. She is Co-President of Key Club, a student-led service organization with about 150 active members. Her responsibilities include coordinating volunteer events, identifying volunteer opportunities for Key Club members, leading officer and club meetings, and collaborating with other local Key Clubs to organize events. Dani is Vice President of the Random Acts of Kindness Club, providing opportunities for students to make Eastlake a better place for students and staff. The club encourages members to strive to do little things that have a big impact on others around them. In addition to her volunteer work, she also attends Running Start at CWU and works part-time as a barista at Starbucks.</p>

		Thank you, Dani, for all you do to make our community stronger!
January 2022	Shakke "Shak" Ragoler	<p>Congratulations to EHS Junior, Shakke "Shak" Ragoler for recognition in our Community Service Spotlight. Shak is a long-time volunteer with Samantha Smith Elementary School's Math Challenge program and Evergreen Middle School's Science Club. He is the competitions officer at EHS's Math Honor Society, a member of EHS's National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Computer Science Honor Society. He is also a volunteer software developer for two nonprofit organizations: Shelter App and Council Data Project.</p> <p>As a volunteer with Shelter App, Shak writes software for their web and mobile apps. The Shelter App helps homeless and low-income people throughout the US and Canada find resources like food and shelter. His team is currently developing an application called Outreach App that will help organizations communicate with homeless encampments to facilitate the delivery of much needed supplies.</p> <p>Shak has been involved with the Council Data Project since June 2021. They provide videos, transcripts, and other documentation from local government meetings, ensuring greater transparency and accountability. His software development team published an academic paper in the Journal of Open Source Software.</p> <p>Thank you, Shak, for your service and leadership in our community!</p>
December 2021	Nicholas Wegener	<p>We are happy to feature EHS Sophomore, Nicholas Wegener, in our Community Service Spotlight. Nick strongly believes that "co-existence with nature is beautiful and crucial." They are an activist with Sustainability Ambassadors, empowering students, teachers, and community members to advance a more sustainable future. They joined Sustainability Ambassadors after being "awe-struck" by Lake Washington High School graduate, Zach Benzaoui's facilitation skills at an Ambassadors event. Nick could see themselves making the world a better place with Ambassadors. They have worked with SA since 2019 and typically volunteer about three hours a week for the organization. They are a co-founder and team leader of the Sustainability Ambassadors Writers Group (SAWG). During the summer of 2020, they co-led their group through SA's 2050</p>

		<p>Workouts and 2050 Update, forecasting “what it would be like to achieve 100% sustainability in our own communities by the year 2050.” Through SA, they have also worked with the City of Kirkland’s Transportation Commission to promote sustainable transportation planning. Nick recently spoke about youth’s climate priorities on a panel hosted by E3 Washington (Educators for Environment, Equity, and Environment). Outside of Ambassadors, you will find them involved in National Honor Society, the Equity Student Advisory Board, and Pride Club. Thank you, Nick, for all you do!</p>
November 2021	Maya Raghavan	<p>Maya Raghavan is a sophomore at EHS and has been involved in community service since middle school. Maya currently volunteers with several local and international organizations including Water 1st International where she serves on the Youth Board. Water 1st works to help the world’s poorest countries implement and sustain community-managed projects integrating clean water supply, toilets, and hygiene education. She is also involved with Junior Asha (the youth wing of Asha for Education) to bring socio-economic change in India primarily through education. Her work with Junior Asha helps support a center for abandoned children, mostly young girls, in Eastern India. Maya says that she volunteers with Junior Asha “because their main goal is bringing education to everyone and...that every child should have the privilege to get a good education.”</p> <p>Maya is making an impact locally through her efforts with the local chapter of Break the Outbreak (Sammamish chapter) a non-profit that donates PPE and care packages to local businesses and families impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>Serving the homeless is of special interest to Maya. By volunteering with Sankara Healthcare Foundation, she helps support Teen Feed, a Seattle organization that strives to meet basic needs of local homeless and at-risk youth by providing healthy meals. Maya also assists with the Union Gospel Mission’s 200 PBJ Drive providing sandwiches to their Search and Rescue team each month. “I am passionate about serving the homeless population and helping them in tough conditions. Volunteering with these organizations, I have learned that community service takes determination, and it is very rewarding to see the end result. It means to uplift the community that I live in and make people's lives better.”</p>

		Thanks to Maya, our community and our world will be a better place. Thank you Maya for all you do.
October 2021	Janaki Venkatesh	Janaki Venkatesh is a sophomore at Eastlake this year. She leads the Sammamish chapter of Break the Outbreak (BTOB), a non-profit whose goal is to limit the spread of COVID 19 through donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) to local organizations, grocery stores, food banks, and senior citizens' homes. She chose to start a BTOB branch in Sammamish in response to the fact that many local businesses in the community were finding it difficult to assist customers when reopening during this pandemic. With an innate passion for assisting the community, Janaki always seeks to step up as a leader and help out. Besides PPE donations, her team held a school supply drive for the Community in Schools "Stuff the Bus" program over the summer and collected over 2000 school supplies. She and her team spent over a month preparing for this drive and all the hard work paid off! In addition to her work with Break the Outbreak, Janaki volunteers at Sankara Healthcare Foundation where she helps with meal prep and planning for the monthly Teen Feed donation. Over the summer, she volunteered at the Little Medical School where she helped organize and lead health and medicine workshops for elementary school kids. We are so happy to be able to spotlight Janaki's contributions to our community!
2020-2021		
May 2021	Sagunya Malhotra	Sagunya Malhotra is a sophomore who is passionate about serving her community. She decided to take action when she saw that job losses due to COVID-19 led to food insecurity. She, and a friend of hers, raised funds through her temple, corporate donations, as well as food donations from a local grocery store. These funds were used to donate bulk food items to Pantry Pack & Sophia Way for several months in 2020. Witnessing the value of her volunteer work, she continued her efforts by supporting homeless women and children at Hope Place (Gospel Union Mission) through preparing and delivering dinners and sandwiches. In addition, Sagunya assembles and donates 100 hygiene kits every month since January 2021 to the homeless. Apart from her contributions to her local community, she also volunteers with Project WHY , an Indian NGO, teaching Math and English, and encouraging less privileged children. Thank you Sagunya for your commitment to serving your community.
April 2021	Zach Colburn	Zach Colburn is a senior who started participating in Civil Air Patrol as a sophomore and quickly began volunteering for events and training younger participants and peers. After learning about King County Search & Rescue's youth program, he completed the training a year ago, and has participated in over 50 missions since last February. He also trained last fall for WASART , which is the Washington State

		<p>Animal Response Team, and has done five missions so far with WASART, helping with downed horses and stranded goats. Zach's love of skiing prompted him to train for ski patrol at Summit at Snoqualmie, which he has volunteered for almost every Saturday this winter since his training ended. He has about 1000 hours of volunteering over the past four years, picking up skills and experience that will support his desire to be an EMT and eventually maybe a paramedic. He'll continue volunteering for all of these groups after graduation in June.</p> <p>Thank you for your commitment to serving your community Zach!</p>
Mar 2021	<p>Juliana Cuevas</p> <p>Shalini Shetty</p>	<p>Juliana Cuevas is a senior who feels called to help other teen girls in need. During the pandemic, she reached out to her neighbor who works at Echo Glen Children's Center and was informed that the teen girls there were in need of clothing donations. The state only gives out sweats for these girls to wear everyday, and anything else they wear is donations from other people. She says she knows that regardless of their pasts, they are girls just like her and still want to wear things that make them feel pretty which can be difficult to do in a juvenile detention center. She decided to do a clothing drive for these girls with her best friend Shali Shetty and it was a big success. They were able to collect over 40 full trash bags of donated clothes! They even received some shoes and accessories as well!</p> <p>Shalini Shetty is a senior who ran a clothing donation drive for the Echo Glen Children's Center alongside with her friend, Juliana Cuevas. The Children's Center is a juvenile detention center for teen children struggling for various, personal reasons. As teen girls, they understand the appreciation for clothing at this age and these girls often get clothing that is not always "trending" for teens. So, they decided to focus on the girl's section of the center and promote this clothing drive to other teens in their community in hopes to receive more in-style clothing they knew they would appreciate. To promote their drive, they made digital posters that were visually appealing and simple to read to get our information across. They promoted it through various platforms on social media and were able to collect over 40 bags full of multiple clothing items. As their next steps, they plan to donate other categories of items that the Echo Glen center is in need of such as art supplies and lotions.</p>
Feb 2021	Ryan Huang	<p>Ryan Huang is a junior who is a member of Eastlake's NHS. Outside of school, he is one of the Co-Presidents of Hand in Hand We Code (HHWC) and has been an instructor there for over three years. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Ryan and the rest of HHWC provided bi-weekly coding classes for elementary and middle schoolers in the</p>

		<p>Sammamish YMCA and the surrounding community. During the pandemic, Ryan managed to move classes online, designing and organizing virtual summer and winter camps as well as monthly coding events with various themes. These virtual coding camps and classes, which included several holiday themed projects, attracted not only local students from Sammamish, but also ones from across the greater Seattle area. Ryan is also an active volunteer at Wahaha Youth Club where he provides weekly tutoring services to help kids from overseas learn English.</p> <p>During the winter break 2020, Ryan built a new website for a non-profit organization Sunshine Youth Culture and Education Development Association to help promote the organization and its services to the community in a better way. Ryan is also providing monthly maintenance and technical support to the website.</p> <p>Ryan believes that pandemic might prevent kids from getting together, but it should never prevent spreading the joy and knowledge of coding, and giving back to the community and standing together is more important now than ever.</p>
Jan 2021	Kathryn Ogden Kira Ogden	<p>Kathryn and Kira Ogden are freshmen who decided to find creative ways to serve their community as most traditional volunteering opportunities have been on hold due to Covid-19. They got in touch with Just Serve and joined Letters of Love to Seniors. They organized teams of friends to create hand-made Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for senior citizens in their community. They created card making kits, delivered them to their friends, and hosted Zoom calls to work together while assembling and decorating the cards. The cards were delivered to seniors in local retirement homes who could not celebrate the holidays with their families due to COVID-19 by their contact at Letters of Love to Seniors.</p> <p>Thank you, Kathryn and Kira for brightening the days of over 100 seniors with your unique cards.</p>
Dec 2020	Anikait Vishwanathan	<p>Anikait Vishwanathan is a freshman who is committed to serving his community. He has served as an ASB officer, and in the National Junior Honors Society in his middle school. During the summer of 2020, he was selected to be a leader in a pilot Virtual Teen Volunteer Program (TVP) organized by Newport Way Library. He worked with other members of TVP and has spent over 90 hours designing and supporting online programs for children and families. Anikait also volunteers at Redmond Ridge Events for residents, and helps with meal preparation/delivery for the Tiny House Village of Seattle. Last year, he helped raise money for Foster kids as Spirit of 12 volunteer through Treehouse and has helped with gift wrapping for Toys for Tots program.</p> <p>Thank you Anikait for your service.</p>

Nov 2020	Zoe Hesselroth	<p>Zoe Hesselroth is a senior who has trained with King County Explorer Search and Rescue (ESAR) as a volunteer for Search and Rescue. During her training at Camp Edward, she has learned and practiced navigation skills in the woods in dark, evidence searches, finding lost hikers, and wilderness first aid. Besides some practical skills like learning different ways to build a tarp shelter, she says her experiences taught her the importance of waterproof socks. Zoe adds that although she is not a very outdoorsy person, it was a really unique experience. She wants to finish her full training and keep learning about how to contribute as a SAR volunteer.</p>
Oct 2020	Lindsay Ferguson	<p>Lindsay Ferguson is a freshman who volunteered this summer at the Field of Champions softball camps in July & August. She developed the pitching lesson plan, and drills for the campers among other responsibilities. There was a definite focus on social distancing, cleaning equipment, and wearing face coverings during the camps. She plans to continue to volunteer coach throughout the year with a new team of 10-year old girls who are being coached by one of her previous coaches. She loves passing on the game she loves to young girls in hopes that they love it too.</p>
Sep 2020	Drew Rusak	<p>Drew Rusak is a junior who is committed to serving his community. He has served in Senate, National Honor Society, and Environmental Club at EHS. Apart from his service at Eastlake, he is a youth advocate for the Old Redmond Teen Firehouse. He discovered the Little Green Monster project after his mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. He makes little monsters that go with the duffle bags as care kits for kids whose moms were recently diagnosed. His mom is a survivor and he wants other kids to know that they should stay positive and he hopes his monsters make a difference for someone in need. Thank you Drew for your commitment to making a difference.</p>
Sep 2020	Holly Keyser	<p>Holly Keyser is a junior who has been a Program Assistant at Sammamish Day Camp for the past 4 years. When camp organizers decided to go virtual this summer instead of canceling the camp, she stepped up to the new opportunity. She spent several weeks of planning a new online camp with organizers and other PAs, and then assisted in running the camps throughout summer. At the end, they were able to have their annual camp traditions, daily activities, and fun for every participant. Thank you, Holly, for helping the 150 kids have their virtual summer camps!</p>
2019-2020		

June 2020	Lauren Hewitt	<p>Lauren Hewitt is a senior who is dedicated to volunteering at the Farrel McWhirter Farm in Redmond. From helping with animal maintenance, pony camps to birthday parties she is a big part of the volunteer program. She was also an actor for Nightmare at Beaver Lake last Fall. Those who work with Lauren say “she is a kind, caring person, who is always ready to help others”. Best of luck Lauren with your future endeavors in a career in Education!</p> <p>Thank you for your commitment to helping others!</p>
June 2020	Jessica Dankberg	<p>Jessica Dankberg has been an active Girl Scout since Kindergarten and has been a “Program Aide” for local younger girls for the past six years. She enjoyed being a part of the Drama Club at Eastlake. A big part of Jessica’s community service has come through her activities in the “International Order of Rainbow for Girls”. Last year, Jessica was selected as a state officer for Washington and Idaho as “Grand Service”. This past year, she was honored to be elected by her peers as one of the four vice presidents for WA/ID Rainbow.</p> <p>Jessica loves working with younger girls, helping them find their own confidence, and appreciating their own individual uniqueness through fun and adventures. In addition to encouraging and teaching girls how to be active in service in big and small ways, she also helped lead four different Leadership Camps for girls 13-15 throughout Washington and Idaho. She has run and helped promoting fundraising activities for charities from Mary’s Place, Treehouse, Eastside Baby Corner, Feeding America, local senior centers to Seattle Feline Rescue as well as many other local drives. Thank you for your commitment to service, Jessica!</p> <p>Jessica is finishing her senior year as a Running Start student at Bellevue College.</p> <p>International Order of Rainbow for Girls is a community service and leadership organization for girl ages 11-20.</p>
May 2020	Joseph Osborn	<p>This month’s spotlight award goes to Joseph Osborn. Joseph is ASB's Public Relation officer and ran the hygiene drive for part of Hopefest 2020. Along with those, he is also a debate coach for Speech & Debate club at Eastlake, Vice President of Social Studies Honor Society, and also a Random Acts of Kindness club officer! He's also in NHS, Interact, and tutors a girl with special needs on the weekends! Thank you, Joseph, for your commitment to service.</p>

		Joseph Osborn was nominated by Kara Riely. Please submit spotlight nominations to communityservice@ehspts.org
Apr 2020	Hannah Sumrall Abi Burns	<p>Hannah Sumrall has been a volunteer for Kids Coming Together since its inception about 2 years ago. Hannah is currently serving as the President of the Youth Board. Hannah has been instrumental in the success of the program since day one. She leads by example and is amazingly talented at working with local youth. Hannah is outgoing and confident and her passion for youth mental health shows in everything she does. Her power points and public presentations are so incredibly professional that I often forget she is still a high school student. We appreciate all that she has done to help lead this organization, and we will miss her as she heads off to College. We know that Hannah is going to do continue to do great things and serve others.</p> <p>Abi Burns is currently serving on the Kids Coming Together Youth Board as our Events Planner. This means Abi leads her peers in planning and scheduling all our youth events. Abi excels in communication and organization and is the reason for so many successful events. She makes sure that Kids Coming Together events stay focused on helping local youth make new friends and connect with their community. We are excited that Abi is only a Sophomore as we hope that we have two more years of watching Abi grow and contribute the success of Kids Coming Together. She is clearly overflowing with talents and her willingness to volunteer her time to help kids who struggle is inspiring.</p> <p>Hannah Sumrall and Abi Burns were nominated by Kimberly Scott Freutel, Program Director at Kids Coming Together. Kids Coming Together is a local program powered by the LWSF, and is led by high school students who either volunteer at events for local youth or make a bigger commitment by participating as Youth Board Members/Interns. The Youth Board Members/Inters run this program, and do the event planning, community communications, promotions, marketing, social media, fundraising, website maintenance and so much more as they learn how to run a non-profit business. As in line with Stay-At-Home orders, KCT continues to bring kids together through <u>virtual event days</u>.</p>
Mar 2020	Abbigail Hu	Abbigail Hu is currently the Co-President of Eastlake's Key Club and she gives 100% to the club. Those who work with Abby say "She is organized, kind, reliable, a great communicator, and has so many qualities of a great leader who is focused on serving". She works on

		<p>providing the club members with volunteer opportunities, contacting outside organizations for the members to get involved in, and on contacting and recruiting organizations to come to EHS Club and Community Service Fair as well as maintaining the all students' service hours for tracking. She says without Key Club and the Kiwanis Organization, she wouldn't have the opportunity to meet and work with so many different people, found her passion and a place she can truly thrive. Thank you for your service to so many students at Eastlake High, Abby!</p> <p>Eastlake Key Club is a community service club that gives students the opportunity to get involved in their communities and do service projects around the community. They also provide the service of tracking community service hours for all students in all clubs or individuals who submit service hours.</p>
Feb 2020	Sureerath Auengpradijporn	<p>Sureerath Auengpradijporn is a bright young lady with a great future ahead of her. For a long time, she has always been helping the community and pushing herself to be better. Sureerath believes volunteering helps the teens gain new skills required for the job market such as leadership, communication skills, dependability, time management, and decision making. In high school, she volunteered as team manager for the Lady Wolves basketball team. She assisted the sports coach in their activities and supported the players by putting a smile on their face. Every Thanksgiving, Sureerath and her church, New Hope International church, spend more than 6 hours serving and making food for families in need. Sureerath believes it is important to serve others as a part of leading a Christian life, and that it will make a difference in the choices she makes and even the vocation she is called to.</p> <p>As a senior, Sureerath is a part of the hurdles team and Health Organization club (HOSA) at Eastlake High School. She promises to try her best to serve the community by volunteering while studying in collage. She will use her knowledge to educate others and help her community to become a better place. She believes serving the society is an important part of growing up, and volunteering gives a personal sense of accomplishment while building social networks that, in turn, supports her in times of stress.</p>
Jan 2020	Sheshank Shankar	<p>Sheshank Shankar has been an active volunteer in the community since 6th grade. He started teaching weekly coding classes to elementary students at Sammamish Coding Club and later at summer coding camps at Tech Venture Kids. He feels that it is important for kids to start coding when they are at a young age. This summer, he volunteered at a UW research lab where he worked on a project that helps factories detect if the air is safe for the factory workers and worked with the research team throughout the summer.</p>

		<p>Currently a sophomore this year, he is the Director of Logistics of the annual DefHacks hackathon for high school and college students. DefHacks is a certified non-profit organization dedicated to providing immersive learning experiences for students in computer science. He works to make the 24-hour event completely free for all students interested in joining. He also is a chapter officer in the Eastlake TSA club where he helps organize club meetings and gets members prepared for the competition.</p>
Dec 2019	Emily Taylor	<p>Emily Taylor is a junior and has been involved in community service for many years. While attending the Environmental and Adventure School (EAS) for middle school, several weeks of community service was required of all students. It was there that she learned the importance of giving back to the community. By restoring nearby parks to feeding the homeless in Seattle, she found it not only humbling but one of life's blessings.</p> <p>Lately, most of her service activity has been with Girl Scouts. As an active Program Aide for the local service unit, she spends time with elementary-aged girls teaching necessary life skills at semi-annual camps. Through Girl Scouts, she has been involved in many charitable works for Eastside Baby Corner, Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank, Matthew House, Tent City, and Echo Glen – all local charities that help our less fortunate community.</p> <p>And, if you ever visit Sammamish City Hall during the Very Merry Sammamish celebration, you may see Emily helping Santa's crew or handing out treats as part of Sammamish Youth Board. As a member since 7th grade, Emily has a voice in matters pertaining to the youth of our city.</p>
Nov 2019	Maddison Morrison	<p>Maddie Morrison comes from a family where volunteering is a way of life. As far back as she can remember, she has been helping and assisting with school dances, team sports and after-school activities. She has had years of experience on some of the best AAU Basketball teams in Seattle. In high school, she volunteered as assistant coach in basketball at the local Boys and Girls Club and pitching to the boys in Little League Baseball. Her ability to communicate with the younger kids and to make them feel special is a gift that she uses well. She loved sharing her talents and passion for the two sports-- motivating children to accept challenges, work hard and express who they are, in and out of the game. As a senior, Maddie became an EHS cheerleader, and has continued her volunteer time in the community helping young children by being an example during camps and performances believing that helping the community is an important part of growing up into a healthy and balanced young woman.</p>

		Maddie plans to continue with volunteering while in college saying that it is a life-style that helps others and herself feel good and take ownership of their community.
Oct 2019	Charles Bouthemy	<p>Charlie has done a variety of volunteering and service activities. Twice he has donated his hair to Locks of Love to support children facing cancer. He has planted over 200 trees and volunteered for the past three years at the NW Tea Festival. He has given the most time to the Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) and the YMCA. Charlie assisted with the move of the IPO's music library. He regularly assists with preparing programs for concerts, set-up and tear-down for concerts, ushers, serves refreshments during intermission, counts and prepares all concert donations for the IPO board treasurer. Charlie manages the collection of non-perishable food donations and the loading of the donation bins for the Issaquah Food Bank at the Annual Food Raiser Concert. Charlie has been active with the Y his entire life. In 2018 and 2019 he was selected for the YMCA's Honesty Award. In 2019 he was selected to be a Leader in Training (LIT) for the Boys Outdoor Leadership Development (BOLD) program where he co-led a week-long costal backpacking expedition for middle school boys on the Olympic Peninsula.</p> <p>Charlie is currently a Running Start student at Bellevue College.</p>
2018-2019		
June 2019	Sara Deutscher	<p>Every once in a while, a classroom teacher gets a volunteer who is truly impactful in their students' lives. Sara Deutscher is that volunteer in my 1st grade classroom. Sara is my longest running volunteer who has faithfully been coming to my classroom ever Monday for the last 6 years. Sara works with struggling students who need some extra help in reading, spelling, and math. She also puts together science experiments, shows students how to sew, and helps with art projects. When Sara comes in, all the kids want to be able to work with her because of her kind manner and sense of humor. She takes time to talk to them and make them feel accepted and known. She is an exemplary example of the impact that community service can have on the lives of others.</p> <p>Spotlight submitted by Carol Nicholson, teacher at Blackwell Elementary. Please submit spotlight nominations to eastlakekey@gmail.com or communityservice@ehspts.org.</p>
Mar 2019	Courtney Heidorn	<p>Any free time <i>Courtney Heidorn</i> has is spent volunteering. She has a heart for service, and among many sports, work, and other activities, she is the junior representative for Key Club and a Young Life leader, all while working hard in academics. This is her 3rd year of being captain of her Relay for Life team, which is coming up in May. Click HERE to get involved in Relay for Life. This photo includes from left</p>

		to right: Courtney Heidorn, Logan Conn, and Meg Peterson last year as they raised money for Relay for Life at a bake sale. Thank you for your example of service, Courtney!
Feb 2019	Yuran (Linda) Qiang	<i>Yuran (Linda) Qiang</i> is a sophomore and her focus of volunteering is animals! She spends most of her time volunteering at Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) and at Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center . During her freshmen year she volunteered weekly at Little Bit as a sidewalker for a class, which means that she just made sure that the riders were safe and she would also groom and tack the horses which she says, "... one of the coolest things I've ever done". She says that Little Bit is always looking for volunteers and highly recommends it if anyone is interested. She is currently an ongoing volunteer at RASKC and she goes to the Petco in Kirkland biweekly to look after the animals in the adoption center. She says that it is a fantastic place to volunteer if people want to have lots of interactions with animals :) She plans on volunteering in this way until she graduates high school.
Dec 2018	Margaret (Maggie) Lipinsky	<i>Margaret (Maggie) Lipinsky</i> is a senior who volunteers with Hopelink working in the warehouse, transporting items, and many other areas, but not only that. People who volunteered with her at the Holiday Bazaar could see the type of serving person she is when she went around to every single vendor and asked if they needed anymore help before the event was over. Thanks, Maggie for your example of being service-minded!
2017-2018		
Sept 2017	Kesini Sunil	This summer, <i>Kesini Sunil</i> helped run a drama day camp in Sammamish for which all the proceeds go to a charity organization their family supports in India. Every December she goes to India to teach poor children about western arts and activities. She also volunteers every week for the Washington Autism Association as a peer mentor, interacting with the kids while they do activities. Thank you, Kesini, for your commitment to service!
Nov 2017	Priti Das Olivia Harris	Our PTSA service spotlights are <i>Priti Das</i> and <i>Olivia Harris</i> . Priti created the new online hours tracking form, and she pulled together our Fall Award list. This was no small task, and it is a service for all EHS students who complete and report service hours. Olivia is the Key Club President. She and the other Key Club officers organized our fall EHS Community Service Fair. Thank you both!
Dec 2017	Caitlyn and Cassidy Nye	Our PTSA service spotlights are <i>Caitlyn and Cassidy Nye</i> . These sisters, along with their younger brother, used their musical talents to brighten the holidays for residents of Providence Marionwood in Issaquah. Thank you, Caitlyn and Cassidy, for this great idea to combine developing talents and serving our community! If you are interested in volunteering at this location, click HERE .
Jan 2018	Nate Verboort	This month's PTSA service spotlight is <i>Nate Verboort</i> . He serves as the Keystone Co-President, which is a club through Sammamish Boys

		and Girls Club, and has run events such as late night activities for kids, and a holiday helpers program. He also serves as the EHS Link Crew Co-President. To find out more about this club, which Nate has participated in for 6 years, click HERE . In addition, Nate helps lead the Hope Festival , which is coming up on March 3 rd . More info to come on this amazing event headed up by Eastlake students, but you can sign up to help to sort clothing donations HERE . Thank you, Nate, for your example and tireless commitment to service!
Feb 2018	Beck Latham Mitchell Johnson	<i>Beck Latham</i> and <i>Mitchell Johnson</i> serve on the Hope Festival leadership team. Why did they choose to get involved? In Beck's words, "It was pretty impactful the first time I attended the Hope Festival, and I knew I had to get more involved. I really liked the mission of Hopefest to provide more than just goods but also hopeful messages and an uplifting spirit. Sometimes I wonder where donations are going in other organizations but here it's nice to meet the individuals we are serving." Mitchell says, "So many times we talk about helping the homeless, and through this event we actually are able to help and see our efforts appreciated by the many people who are served at Hopefest. It really makes me feel good to give others at my school an opportunity to serve." Click HERE to get involved this year on March 3 rd !
Mar 2018	Madison Kramp	<i>Madison Kramp</i> was nominated for a spotlight because of her unique approach to service and for "thinking outside the box." She is a great service resource, so ask her for ideas ranging from horse care, to life guarding, and to overnight camps! We especially want to recognize her regular and long-term service commitment at L'Arche in Seattle helping people with disabilities. She works in the activity center and has built some incredible relationships and learned a lot about herself. Regarding working with people with disabilities Madison says, "you're most likely going to get more out of it than you put in." Thank you for your commitment to service, Madison!
April 2018	EHS Dance Team	Somehow, between exhausting rehearsals, studying, performing, and winning STATE, the EHS Dance team manages to also prioritize service. Throughout the year, the team serves in a variety of ways to use their talents to give back to the community. This year they coordinated a group service project at Eastside Baby Corner (EBC) to fill orders for vulnerable children by creating packets with baby formula, diapers, warm clothing, and other basic needs. EBC welcomes high school students, and 1 ½ hour shifts are available almost every day! Click here to sign up. Thank you, EHS Dance Team, for your great examples of "performing" service! Know of other EHS teams that serve? Email PTSA Community Service and let us know!
May 2018	Molly Heck, Jack Browsers, Karman Singh, Riley Dehmer	<i>Molly Heck, Jack Browsers, Karman Singh, and Riley Dehmer</i> (not pictured), have volunteered in the Math Lab regularly this year, and they all agree on the reason why. "It's not for the service hours- we all already have lots! It's because we love math and mostly we love helping people." Remember Math Lab is available to ALL students on Tuesday nights 4:30-6:30. Finals are approaching and it's a great

		place to get help! It is sponsored by PTSA and staffed by EHS teachers and student volunteers.
	EHS Girls Basketball Team	Want a great idea for team bonding and sportsmanship while having a positive impact on our community? Our <i>EHS girls basketball team</i> organized a shopping event and broke into smaller groups to buy gifts for families in need at the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank's Holiday Gift Barn. This event serves approximately 1,200 children in the Issaquah School District each year. In addition, the team raised funds to purchase needed supplies for Tent City Residents at the Mary Queen of Peace location. They delivered several cases of water, ground coffee, batteries, soup and flashlights. Thank you to our EHS team for being a fantastic example of community service!
	Wallace LaBerge	<i>Wallace LaBerge</i> has been volunteering with Purrfect Pals Cat Sanctuary and Adoption Centers since 2016. He volunteers 2 hours a week at the Sammamish PetCo Adoption Center. They are accepting volunteers who can start as young as 13 (working with an adult volunteer until age 16). Click HERE for volunteer info. Wallace is closing in on his 200 hours, and is hoping to proudly wear his Community Service honor cord at graduation in June. Congratulations, Wallace! Photo caption: <i>Wallace with "General," a 7-year-old cat recently surrendered to Purrfect Pals when his owner became homeless and unable to keep him. Update- "General" has been adopted!</i>
June 2018	Benson Wheeler	Our PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award this month goes to <i>Benson Wheeler</i> , who is a great example of serving during the summer! Benson hiked 72 miles in New Mexico with his scout troop last summer, improving sections of the trail along the way. In this photo, Benson is teaching Yash Kulkarni how to assemble risers to accompany a harvest table he built for Camp Korey for his Eagle Scout project. Congratulations Benson!
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Oct 2016	Gurveen Rekhi Sarah Lesile	She is the amazing gal who records all of those hours for the EHS community service program. Sarah is the Key Club president who was instrumental in arranging the Community Service Fair.
Nov 2016	Tyler Zangaglia Elliott Wong Karen Burrington	PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award winners this month are Karen Burrington, Tyler Zangalia, and Elliott Wong. These 3 students planned, along with some other wonderful students, advertised and hosted the "Happier Sammamish" event last weekend at the Teen Center. It featured a documentary and panel with inspirational thoughts and ideas about how to have true happiness, including connecting with family, friends, and serving others. The event also raised money for the Hope Festival early next year which Tyler, Elliott, and Karen will be coordinating. Congratulations, and thank

		you for your tireless commitment to service, and for setting an exemplary example for your fellow Wolves!
Dec 2016	Nicole Lerch Katie Varness	PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award winners this month are Nicole Lerch and Katie Varness. These ladies just jump into all kinds of service where needed and do it with a smile. They are involved with the Keystone Club as Co-Presidents. Congratulations, and thank you for your commitment to service, and for setting an exemplary example for your fellow Wolves!
Jan 2017	Sophie Gee Leah Lytle	PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award winners this month are Sophie Gee and Leah Lytle, who brought the Days for Girls program to Eastlake. The group puts together hygiene bags for girls in Africa. It's estimated that these bags will keep each girl in school an extra 60 days per year. Sophie and Leah, thank you for your commitment to service, and for setting an example for your fellow Wolves!
Feb 2017	Carter Cox Hank Pladson	PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award winners this month are Carter Cox and Hank Pladson, who are mentors in the Athletes for Kids program. They were matched with little buddies, and have made a commitment to spend one hour per week with them. Over their high school years, mentors in this program are able to develop meaningful relationships with kids in need. Check out Athletes for Kids HERE - they are always looking for mentors. Thank you Carter and Hank for your commitment to service, and for setting an example for your fellow Wolves!
April 2017	Jeremy Brewer	PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award Winner: Meaningful service <i>Jeremy Brewer</i> does is with Keystone Club, when they set up random spots to feed the homeless in Seattle. He also enjoys teaching ASL to special needs students and seeing their smiling faces. Congratulations, and thank you for your commitment to service, and for setting an example for your fellow Wolves!
May 2017	Hailey Hill Mikelle Angiuli	PTSA Community Service Spotlight Award Winner: <i>Hailey Hill</i> and her mom are some of the many members of the local National Charity League. They love serving together and have most enjoyed helping homeless families through Sophia's Way. One night as they were driving home they were both speechless because of the humbling reminder to be grateful for food and shelter. For more information about NCL, Sophia's Way, to nominate a student for a service spotlight, or for questions about the EHS Community Service program, email communityservice@ehsptsa.org . <i>Mikelle Angiuli</i> works with Camp to Belong , which reunites siblings split up by the foster care system for a week of camp. Mikelle says, "This camp is so important to me because my brother is adopted and I love working with kids, so being able to help these kids have a normal camp experience with their brothers and sisters means the world to me. They have been through so much and I'm so glad that I

		get to help contribute to their much deserved camp experience and put smiles on their faces.” Camp to Belong collects formal wear for kids ages 8-18. If you have a dress or other formal clothing you would like to donate please email bizzyhusky@gmail.com . Maybe after Prom??
June 2017	Jack Browers	<i>Jack Browers</i> has been serving the City of Sammamish since the beginning of last summer by setting up and taking down the Farmer's Market each Wednesday. "I enjoy doing it because it is fun to get involved. The people you volunteer with are a tight-knit group you get to know over the course of the summer while being of service to the community. We set up eating tents, sponsor tents, and kids activity tents along with tables and chairs. All are provided by the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce. We position tables and trash cans around the market and help other venders set up their booths. At the end of the market we take down all the tents, tables, and chairs and load them into a trailer. We move the tables and trash cans undercover and replace the trash bags.” Congratulations Jack! Click HERE to sign up to help this summer!