



# WORDS from WAYNE



As I sit down to write this it is hard to concentrate, as summer is actually here! Summer reflects and showcases God's handiwork. All I can say is enjoy our "AWESOME" weather!

Awesome is a great word to describe all of you and your generosity! You humble me as you show your continued dedication to the mission and the programs of the Charitable Foundation.

Since our last newsletter, thanks to you and your continued generosity, lots of things have happened. We were able to honor 33 high school seniors with scholarships as they move into the next stage of their lives. We urged them to make smart choices and, whenever possible, try to pay it forward. These are a great group of kids – ones you can be proud that you truly made a difference in their lives! We also were able to provide new bikes to 70 elementary kids who reflected great citizenship, as well as concern for their other classmates. These kids are ones that, regardless of their circumstances, are striving to make a difference while they become the best version of themselves and all that God created them to be.

Our Youth Board continues their mission of helping to change the world, one kid at a time, one family at a time, one situation at a time. Their dedication to their mission is something to see. They are great individuals, committed to each other, and they are willing to temporarily give up their individuality and time to work together to accomplish any task that is set in front of them. They do it with great compassion and they are a true blessing to the Foundation. Their existence is only made possible through your continued generosity.

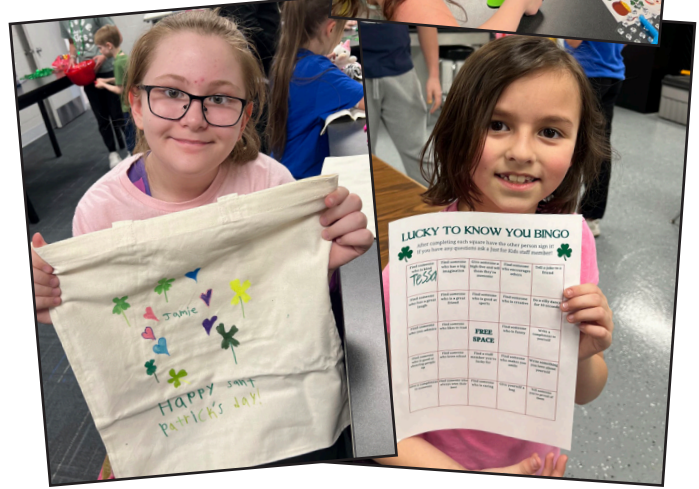
It is important that you know how grateful I am for each one of you and your belief in what this Foundation has accomplished and will continue to accomplish into the future. Without you, we would never be able to continue to Make A Difference in the lives of the kids that we serve.

Until next time...Remember the only limitations in life are the ones we place on ourselves...Never limit your dreams!



# “Lucky to Be Me” Celebration

The Just for Kids Youth Board hosted a “Lucky to Be Me” St. Patrick’s Day event, promoting self-love and self-care at the Bay City Boys & Girls Club in March. They played Lucky to Be Me bingo, made self-care tote bags, created festive crafts, and wrote heartfelt cards to either “someone we’re lucky for” or “why we’re lucky for ourselves”. Before our visit, we shopped for some much-needed items for the tote bags and purchased arts & craft supplies, which we were able to bring and donate to the kids at the club. Special shoutout to alumni youth board member Olivia Leasure for planning and organizing this amazing event as part of a college class project. The Youth Board felt lucky to have spent the day spreading joy and positivity!



## Local Bike Giveaways

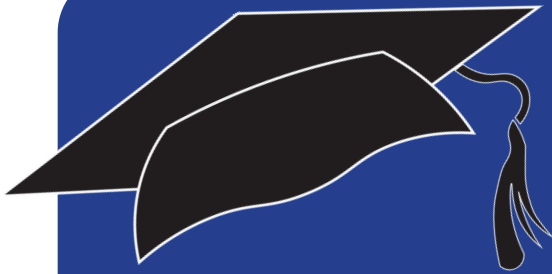
This spring we had the privilege of awarding 70 kids from 6 locations with new bikes and helmets. These kids were chosen based on great citizenship and smart choices. Each of these individuals has made a positive impact on their school, community and others around them. A special thank you to Field Neuroscience Institute-a Division of MyMichigan for the donation of helmets! We are proud of this generation of kind, caring kids from Linwood Elementary, Auburn Elementary, Stone Elementary Boys & Girls Club, Saginaw Boys & Girls Club Kids Campus, Woodcrest Elementary and Freeland Elementary!





# Making A Difference Awards

Each school year, our board members reward and recognize kids at local elementary schools who are making a difference in their school. The schools always have a program in place to recognize these kids, and the award winner is chosen by the teachers and staff at the school for an extra special Just for Kids gift. Each child chosen receives a Just for Kids t-shirt, candy and a gift card of their choice. Just for Kids believes it is important to let kids know that their efforts don't go unnoticed!



In May, we awarded 33 local high school seniors with a \$1500 scholarship to the college of their choice. Your donations over the years have made it possible for us to give a whopping \$718,000 in scholarships to high school seniors in the Tri Cities. We couldn't do it without you!

# *class of* 2025

## Congratulations Graduates!





*Thank you to the Board Members of the Maier & Associates Charitable Foundation! Because of your donations of time and talent, we have been able to actively make a difference in the lives of kids in the Great Lakes Bay Region!*

Wayne & Rita Maier, of Maier & Associates Financial Group, Founders  
Lisa Rechsteiner, of Graff Bay City, President  
Carrie Dahlberg, Executive Director  
Laura Maier, of Maier & Associates, Secretary  
Joseph Maier, of Maier & Associates, Treasurer  
Stephanie Maier, Director of Youth Board  
Amy McDaniel, of Maier & Associates, Board Member  
Lynn Shawl, of Thelen Auto Group, Board Member  
Molly Rauschert, of Thumb Bank, Board Member

## Interview with a Youth Board Member



**Name:** Kasey Studniarz **Grade:** 12th **School:** John Glenn High School

**How long have you been a member of the Just for Kids youth board?** 4 years

**What is your favorite project that you have been a part of on the youth board?** The Sleep in Heavenly Peace project is my favorite project I've been a part of. Having the ability to build and provide beds for children in need is a very rewarding feeling.

**What part of the youth board mission do you connect with?** The part of the Youth Board's mission that I connect most with is focusing on making a positive impact on the community. Being able to help people through various acts, creates meaningful change and brings people together.

**Who/What has been your biggest inspiration while being a part of the youth board?**

Seeing the dedication and enthusiasm of the other Youth Board members has been my greatest source of motivation. Connecting with individuals who truly care about changing the world motivates me to work harder and push myself to become a leader.

**What is something you do with the youth board that you wish to continue in your future?**

One thing I do with the Youth Board that I hope to continue in the future is community service. Being able to impact people's lives directly has been incredibly fulfilling. I want to carry that passion for service into my future.

### YOUR \$25 DONATION

Your \$25 donation could help us provide a gift card to a local business to be given to one of our Making a Difference award winners.

### YOUR \$50 DONATION

Your \$50 donation could help us purchase shoes or clothing for a needy child in one of our local elementary schools.

### YOUR \$100 DONATION

Your \$100 donation could help us purchase a scooter to be given away as a citizenship award to a local child.

### YOUR \$150 DONATION

Your \$150 donation could help us purchase a bike to be given away at one of our bike drops at local elementary schools.

### YOUR \$500 DONATION

Your \$500 donation could help support a Youth Board activity, allowing them to choose a local non-profit to purchase items for.

### YOUR \$1500 DONATION

Your \$1500 donation could cover the cost of a college scholarship for an area high school student.

***Please make checks payable to Just for Kids. Thank you for your continued support!***