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CRMC Honors Teenage Volunteers

Anyone who doubts the dedication of today's teenagers need only have attended the Teen Age Volunteer (TAV) Awards Ceremony at Cortland Regional Medical Center. A total of 92 students were on this year's TAV roster, with many of them providing multiple years of service throughout their high school careers. Recognition awards were presented ranging from 50 hours to 900 hours of service. In addition, nine scholarships totaling \$13,000 were awarded to six graduating high school seniors.

This year's class of teen volunteers amassed a total of nearly 5,400 hours of service to the medical center. The students' contributions were felt throughout CRMC and included areas such as: nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, clerical, laboratory, and the coffee shop. They also provided assistance to staff in the Cortland Regional Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Pins were presented to TAVs who exceeded 50 and 100 volunteer hours plateaus. Red, white, and blue bars were also awarded for service in auxiliary areas, nursing units, and various departments. Special stuffed animals were presented as farewell mementos to the graduating senior boys and girls.

Trophies were presented to the "Outstanding TAV of the Year", recognition for the student who volunteered the most hours during the past year. This award went to Natalie Winters. A second trophy recognizing the "New Teenage Volunteer of the Year" was given to Brittany Krebs.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winners of the three memorial scholarships and the six CRMC Auxiliary scholarships awarded to college-bound seniors. The scholarship winners had contributed a total of 2,375 volunteer hours to the medical center over the course of their high school careers.

The Lorraine McCarthy Scholarship, named in honor of a former CRMC nurse and TAV supervisor, was presented to Natalie Winters. The award is intended to help further the education of a student interested in a nursing or medical career. In addition, Natalie received the Thomas D. and Lucille F. Garrity TAV Scholarship, as well as a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. A graduate of McGraw High

School, Natalie is the daughter of Steve and Amy Winters. She plans to attend Elmira College and major in Chemistry.

The Evelyn Crofoot Scholarship, sponsored by the Loyal Circle of King's Daughters, was given to Kary McEvoy. This scholarship is awarded to a student intending to pursue a career in nursing. Kary also received a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. A graduate of Cortland High School, she plans to attend Onondaga Community College. Kary is the daughter of Kevin and Karen McEvoy.

Four other students were presented CRMC Auxiliary Scholarships. They are: Chad Bennett, Carrie Strout, Brett Capps, and Danielle Dugan.

Chad Bennett, son of Chauncey and Chris Bennett, will continue his education at SUNY-Oswego, majoring in Music/Sound. Chad is a Homer High School graduate.

Carrie Strout, daughter of Gary and Sandra Strout, is a graduate of McGraw High School. Carrie plans to attend Syracuse University in the fall and major in Nutrition.

Brett Capps, son of Patrick and Margaret Capps, is a graduate of Homer High School. He will attend Elmira College to study towards a degree in Education.

Danielle Dugan, daughter of James and Melissa Dugan, is also a Homer High School graduate. Danielle will continue her education at Keuka College and plans to be an occupational therapist.

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