



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER ANNOUNCES THE DEBORAH P. ALTMAN
OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER**

LANCASTER, PA (May 29, 2020) – The Junior League of Lancaster, PA, Inc. (JLL) is pleased to announce this year’s winner of the 2020 Deborah P. Altman Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award – Emily Ashley, a senior from Donegal High School. As the winner, she received \$1,500 and was able to award an additional \$300 to the charity of her choice.

Ms. Ashley, who plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall, highlighted more than 400 volunteer-hours in her application. She is the co-founder of an after-school ballet program for immigrant and refugee students at Price Elementary School in the School District of Lancaster, as well as the Walk to End World Hunger, which raised over \$3,000 for Haitian farmers.

“Emily’s commitment to the community and volunteerism is extraordinary and is a true demonstration of the values of both the Junior League and Deborah Altman, for which the award is named,” said Libby Caldwell, Junior League of Lancaster 2019-2020 president. “In addition to her philanthropic efforts, this amazing young woman also excelled academically, serving as the President of the National Honor Society and class secretary of Donegal High School Class of 2020. We are thrilled to present Emily with this honor.”

In addition to the programs she co-founded, Ms. Ashley also volunteered for Donegal's Youth Tennis Summer Camp as a coach, Math Honors Society and Donegal Tutoring as an academic tutor, National Lutheran Youth Group Gathering as technology lead, Trinity Lutheran Church and Broad Street Ministries.

"I am proud of our work and more determined than ever to continue pursuing projects that better the lives of others," said Ashley. Adding that she believes her volunteer work has helped her discover her passions and led her to pursue becoming an immigration attorney.

This award is named for the late Deborah P. Altman, a past president of the Junior League of Lancaster, whose life exemplified a commitment to volunteering, a love of children and service to the community. The purpose of the award is to recognize young people who demonstrate an exceptional interest and involvement in voluntarism as well as inspiring their peers to volunteer in their communities. Since the award was established in 1984, over \$43,000 has been awarded to outstanding youth in Lancaster County.

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ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER: The Junior League of Lancaster is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Junior League members scan the needs of our community, conduct issue-based research and identify areas where we can be most impactful in our local ecosystem. Our current initiatives include Girls + STEM, which aims to break-down barriers and expose girls to the many opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. For more than 90 years we have identified the needs of our area and have rallied to provide meaningful and lasting improvements. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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