

The MAVA Award for Excellence in Youth Volunteerism

Quin Simmons, Leadership and Activities Club

This award recognizes two young Minnesota volunteers who have distinguished accomplishments and shown extraordinary interest in the area of volunteerism. These youth, through his or her personal examples, demonstrate the impact young people can have on the improvement of their community through an outstanding commitment to volunteerism.

Quin Simmons has been an active member, volunteer, and leader of the Leadership and Activities Club, a youth leadership branch of Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners, for the past 4 years. In 2010 alone, Quin volunteered over 120 hours on a variety of humanitarian and environmental efforts that directly impacted the community he lives in. Quin's volunteerism in humanitarian efforts has left an impact on the greater Twin Cities community. After participating in the Sleep Out fundraising campaign at General Mills last year, Quin has committed his time and



Partners in the Leadership and Activities Club, Katie Hanson, Alex McKinney, Quin Simmons and Jim Boyd

ideas into ensuring a successful campaign for homeless awareness this year. He has attended meetings with General Mills professionals to share his ideas about how to reach the most people effectively; helping to raise money for local nonprofits striving to end homelessness and hunger in Minnesota. Quin has also done research to find information about homelessness and hunger in Minnesota to inform participants at the event on the importance of this campaign. Annually, he volunteers his time the night of the event by helping set up and also assists in facilitating activities. Quin's commitment to this campaign helps raise thousands of dollars for Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners and Second Harvest. Through his efforts with the Leadership and Activities Club Quin has impacted Plymouth, Minnesota and the greater Twin Cities area. Not only has Quin raised awareness about our environment and helped others in need locally, he has also become a mentor for younger kids in his community.

Inspiring excellence in the leadership of volunteers to impact communities.