



Alliance Junior Board Supports COVID Relief

Francesville, Indiana – Students from four area high schools came together to provide donations to organizations providing relief during the pandemic. Alliance Bank Junior Board members recently presented \$200 each to Humanitarian Distribution Center and White County Food Pantry. Both organizations have provided food to those in need for years, but the pandemic has created an exponential need in our local communities.



Junior Board Member Emily Pilarski presents check to Chuck Mellon, Board Member for Humanitarian Distribution Center.

“Right now, is a really tough time with COVID-19,” shared Junior Board Chairperson Chase Connell. “People are being laid off and some aren't able to afford the food they were getting before. That's where a food pantry steps in to provide food to people who can't afford it. It's something that is very underappreciated. We felt that the food pantries needed to be appreciated a bit more for what they do on a day to day basis.”

Junior Board members meet monthly at area businesses to learn about career opportunities in their local community. Along with those visits, Board members also learn about local non-profit organizations and are encouraged to volunteer together. Alliance Bank supports the students by providing \$15 per hour of service for the Junior Board to then give away at the end of the school year. The 2019-20 Junior Board volunteered a total of 27 hours during their shortened school year.



White County Food Pantry Board Member Don Koleszar accepts a check and elbow bump from Alliance Junior Board Chairperson Chase Connell.

Alliance Bank created the Junior Board of Directors in 2015 as a means to develop leadership skills in local students while connecting them with businesses and service organizations in their communities. The Junior Board includes 16 juniors and seniors from Twin Lakes, North White, Winamac and West Central High Schools. Alliance Bank is a proud community bank serving clients in Francesville, Monon, Monticello, Otterbein, Oxford, Rensselaer, Winamac and surrounding communities.