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Lamorinda Chapter of NCL Demonstrates Commitment to Community

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Mothers and daughters of the Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League distribute donated backpacks to children at the Monument Crisis Center. Photo provided

Research Foundation, Save Mt. Diablo, Friends of the Library, and many more.

Several young women went beyond expectations and were duly recognized for their extraordinary efforts. Grace Baer, a freshman at Acalanes High School, earned NCL's national "Merci" Award for completing 131 philanthropy hours in addition to chapter requirements. Kai Otsmaa, a freshman at Miramonte, qualified for the national Yellow Rose Award for completing 80 philanthropy hours in addition to chapter requirements.

National Charity League's motto is "Mothers and Daughters Serving Communities Together." Its mission is to foster the mother-daughter relationship through community service, leadership development and cultural enrichment. The Recognition event was a powerful illustration of how putting goals into action serves the betterment of all involved.

John F. Kennedy once said, "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try." The 268 mothers and daughters in the Lamorinda Chapter of National Charity League exemplify those words through their ongoing commitment to volunteerism. The chapter recently concluded their operating year with an enjoyable afternoon get-together at the Saint Mary's Soda Activities Center, recognizing outstanding contributions by both individual members and the chapter as a whole.

The Lamorinda Chapter of NCL recorded a remarkable 7,187 philanthropy hours for the year, averaging almost 600 hours a month of volunteer service performed throughout the community. Philanthropies include Monument Crisis Center, Blue Star Moms, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Contra Costa & Solano Food Bank, J.F. Kapnek Trust/Pediatric AIDS Fund, Loaves and Fishes, American Cancer Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Special Olympics, American Heart Association, Las Trampas, Juvenile Diabetes

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