

2022 IFCA Good Works Team

The Indiana Football Coaches Associate is excited to announce the 2022 Good Works Team to recognize players, groups, and entire teams who have committed themselves to serving others. All nominees have served in an extraordinary way and are tremendous representatives of the power of football to make a difference in our communities.

Joseph Chase & Ethan Gaylor, and Ezekiel Sherry – William Henry Harrison High School - Joseph, Ethan, and Ezekial volunteered for Jubilee Christmas, a program that collects and distributes gifts to needy children for Christmas. In conjunction with Wreaths Across America, Joseph, Ethan, and Ezekiel removed and disposed of wreaths on graves in the cemetery at the Indiana Veterans' Home. They unloaded TV's, microwaves, computers, and other electronic equipment during the E-Waste Collection Day. Before Memorial Day, Joseph, Ethan, and Ezekiel placed flags on the graves of veterans at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Finally, Joseph, Ethan, and Ezekiel volunteered to help set up for the Wabash Riverfest and to assist the Court Appointed Special Advocates program fundraiser.

Luke Foxworthy - Fountain Central High School - Luke made comfort blankets for children in need at Southeast Fountain Elementary and organized a gift drive for Christmas. He also volunteered to help the Waynetown Kids Against Hunger pack food to be shipped to Third World Countries. Luke created and delivered Christmas cards for elderly people at a local nursing home. Luke showed animals to young children, informing them of how agriculture works in Fountain County.

Cole Munchel, Elijah Taylor, Kolten Tinsman - Monroe Central High School Football - Cole, Elijah, and Kolten organized and participated in a community clean-up. All three volunteered their time to pick up trash along the roads leading to a landfill.

Hayden Nelson - Mississinewa High School - Hayden has been involved in Home Plate, WeCare, and community service cleanups throughout his time at Mississinewa High School. He has prepared boxes of food, obtained personal care products, and collected Christmas toys for Grant County families in need during the holidays. Hayden has also been involved in community cleanups and beautification at the Gas City Park and City Hall.

Cole Williams - Brebeuf Jesuit High School Football - Cole raised over \$100,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society battling childhood cancer. His younger brother Drake was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 and Cole has helped him fight ever since.

Brownstown Central High School Football Team - The Brownstown Central Football Team collected and delivered food and nonperishable items for the Fellowship Christian Athlete Shed. In addition, every Friday during the season football players go to local Elementary schools and read to the students. The team also hosted a Staff Appreciation Night to honor staff members who make a difference in a positive manner.

Columbia City High School Football Team - The Columbia City Football Team spent a whole week skipping football workouts to help the community clean up after an extremely destructive storm. The team helped open up roads to residents, removed trees off of houses, and helped the elderly and widows clean up their property. Through this service the team created great pride within their community for youth.

Danville High School Football Team - The Danville Warriors began their summer with a community trash pick-up. The team also took part in trick-or-treat events, where players gave out candy to young students. Finally, a group of Warriors initiated a fundraiser where they took

donations for a cheerleader battling cancer from a neighboring school and raised awareness for cancer research.

Delta High School Football Team - 30 players volunteered to visit 2nd grade classrooms in elementary schools. Players promoted literacy awareness by reading them a story and handing out books to each student. Afterwards, players talked to the students about the importance of reading early and often, while also highlighting the valuable lesson contained in each of the stories they read. This year players distributed more than 220 books and more than 900 books over four years to classrooms in our community.

Franklin Central High School Football Team - The Flashes lead a Community Clean Up day where teams, clubs, teachers, and other volunteers joined together to clean up public parks, downtown, large gathering places, schools, churches, etc. Over 500 volunteers from performing arts groups, school clubs, and other teams joined the Franklin Central football team to serve the community.

LaPorte High School Football Team - The LaPorte football moved the Steady Stitchers to a new location, participated in Slicer Clean Up Day, and volunteered for the Abate Spring Breakout to benefit the Play for Jake Foundation. In addition, the Slicers helped with set up and clean up for the Cajun Boil Fundraiser, the LaPorte County Fair, and festivals in downtown LaPorte. The team also volunteered for the Sandcastles Shelter for Homeless Families Golf Outing, read stories to elementary students for the Tackle Kids Cancer Day, and passed out candy and played games with children at the Trick or Treat for a Special Olympics event.

Martinsville High School Football Team - The entire team helped the city of Martinsville clean up streets, town square, and a park for the 4th of July parade and firework celebration. Players assisted in the Morgan County Habitat for Humanity to build a house and raised money for the project at the Morgan County Fair. Martinsville players also paired with a Special Education athlete and served as student ambassadors during the Morgan County Unified Track Meet.

McCutcheon High School Football Team - McCutcheon football players completed over 40 hours of volunteer community service this year. Services included the City of Lafayette Clean Sweep, Columbian Park Zoo cleanup, assisting with cleanup at a local youth ballpark, volunteering at the McCutcheon and Subaru golf outings, performing service hours for Grant's House, and preparing and sorting food at the Food Finders food bank.

Mishawaka Marian High School Football Team - As a team, the Marian Knights participated in the Indianapolis Colts Blood Drive. In conjunction with the local food bank, the team collected and sorted food through the Stamp Out Hunger program. The Kamm Island Festival is a one day event presented by the City of Mishawaka. The Marian football team handles the clean up and tear down of the event. The Knights also organize a Toys for Tots fundraiser and toy drive annually.

Plainfield High School Football Team - The Plainfield football team hosted a High School Spring Clean-Up Day. The team organized and spearheaded the effort to assist the Plainfield HS maintenance staff in prepping the building for graduation and other outdoor spring activities. During the Annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family Shopping Night, the football team members assisted in purchasing gifts and delivering them to Family Promise, which assists struggling families throughout the year.

Reitz Memorial High School Football Team - This year the Reitz Memorial football team volunteered with the Evansville Habitat for Humanity. They worked to prepare, seed, and lay hay over four lots to establish a lawn. In total, four lawns were prepared and readied to grow.

South Vermillion High School Football Team - The South Vermillion Wildcats continued their commitment to “Tackle Childhood Cancer” through their partnership with the PS We Love You Fund and Riley Hospital for Children. The team sponsored a Tackle Cancer Football Decorating Contest and a pregame “Carnival for a Cure”, offering games, food, and prizes for the local youth. Funds raised help offset the cost of Precision Genomic Testing. Additionally, the Wildcats partnered with the Terre Haute Visitors Bureau to provide parking assistance for the Nike Cross Country Town Twilight Invitational.

Switzerland County High School Football Team - During the fall, flash-flooding destroyed many homes and took several lives in the small, rural community in Southeastern Indiana. Elderly residents were stranded due to the washing out of a bridge. The football team rallied together to tear down and rebuild the bridge and reach the people in need.

Western High School Football Team - In the past year the Western football team worked the Center Township food drive, provided manpower for several projects at Western School Corporation, and provided volunteer workers to several different organizations and events in the community. Several members of the program also served as coaches in the youth and flag league, volunteered to run the chains and scoreboard for the youth and flag league, and worked youth and middle school football camps.