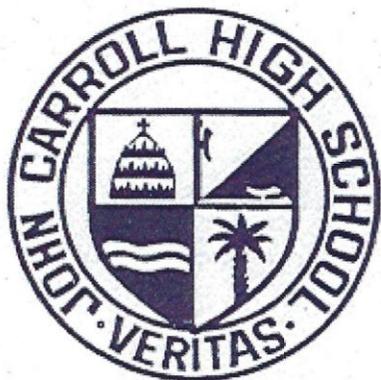


# — Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy —



## John Carroll High School Student Government, Ft. Pierce

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John Carroll High School's Student Government Association has always gone above and beyond to help those less fortunate. It is their goal to help a different non-profit organization every month and to complete a large community project every year. The SGA is led by two sponsors who are also teachers on the campus. Mrs. Ineiza Stromak and Mrs. Cyndee Shevak have proudly served as sponsors for the past 6 years. The association is comprised of a representative from each homeroom and four officers. The 2007-2008 officers are Lucie Enns (President), Hannah Siegrist (Vice-president), Katie O'Brien (Secretary), and Kerry O'Brien (Treasurer).

At the annual school supply drive last year, the students raised \$5,000 to purchase books for a rural elementary school, donated over 3,000 non-perishable food items for Project Response, donated numerous Thanksgiving dinners to Mustard Seed Ministries, supported the troops overseas with care packages, sponsored families in need at Christmas, donated blankets to the homeless, and much more.

The largest volunteer project the students took on last year was the building of a Habitat for Humanity house. The framework of the home was built on the school's football field then later moved to the homesite on Avenue I. Students also volunteered to help on the weekends and after school. Nearly every one of the 500 students worked on the house, doing everything from hammering the trusses to painting the interior of the home.

As you can see, the John Carroll High School students and the Student Government Association work hard to make a difference in our community. Their passion is to serve the area and to make long-lasting positive contributions. The group is motivated by seeing the products of their work and the difference they can make. The mission of the SGA is to encourage students to volunteer, become great citizens, and be inspired to become the community leaders of tomorrow.

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