



Dear Woodson High School Community:

The Young Hearts Foundation is excited to announce a 7-week fundraising initiative to raise money to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This campaign, titled Students of the Year, will run from Thursday, January 11th through Saturday, March 3rd and will include many opportunities to raise funds while also providing meaningful experiences to promote awareness of The Young Heart Foundation's mission.

The fundraising goal for this year is \$30,000 locally and up to \$1,000,000 from high schools around the National Capital Area. Students of the Year (SOY) are comprised of candidate groups of 1-3 students from high schools around the National Capital Area.

The Young Hearts Foundation is a club at Woodson High School that works to provide financial and moral support to those affected by life altering illnesses. Last year, a few students from the club decided to run, representing our club and school in the Students of the Year campaign. This is the second year that members from our club are participating.

The Young Hearts began as a club walking in the Light the Night walk, then developed into a foundation and now a handful of the club members are participating in Students of the Year under the same name. It's truly amazing how much we have accomplished in the past 18 years!

The SOY campaign is comprised of the following:

Candidates- Catherine McBride and Natalie Goldstein

Team members- Elise Kent, Margeaux Townley, Sophie Grammen, Claire Werrlein, Bridget Cassata, Rachel Hartzler, Jacob Goldstein

Mentors- Ariel Samuel (past SOY candidate), Prince McLaughlin and McLaughlin Family (Founders of the Young Hearts club)

Here are the events during this campaign:

Babysitting for a Cure Wednesday, February 14th

6:30-11:30 PM

Jewish Community Center, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA

What: Babysitting includes crafts, meeting their favorite Disney Characters, pizza, movies and fun! \$45/kid + \$20/each additional

Reserve spot at <https://tinyurl.com/YoungHeartsBabysit>

The Mystery of the Missing Masterpiece Saturday, February 17th

5:00 PM

Location: Westfields Golf Club, [13940 Balmoral Greens Avenue, Clifton, VA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/13940+Balmoral+Greens+Avenue,+Clifton,+VA)

What: Dinner & Auction with a twist, an “escape room inspired” mystery allowing guests to solve the mystery to be entered for a cash prize

Learn more and purchase tickets at <https://one.bidpal.net/youngheartsdinner/welcome>

In addition to these fundraising events, community members are encouraged to donate to our general fundraising page (YOUR dollar could be the one to cure cancer!!) at <http://events.ils.org/nca/DCSOY2018/ngoldstein>.

Young Hearts also offers company sponsorships or company matching gifts. We secured our first sponsorship from PONDS roofing! Thank you to Pat Readyhough from PONDS who has been an invaluable teacher and resource during our campaign.

Thank you so much for reading! As the campaign progresses, we look forward to providing updates on events and goals through our website: <http://youngheartslttn.org>.

Amazing fundraising fact of the week

The overall five-year relative survival rate for leukemia has more than **quadrupled** since 1960.

Thank you so much, we can't wait for a great 7- weeks!!

Sincerely,

The Young Hearts Foundation