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BRIGADER FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAMP ONAWAY

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Noah, a senior at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, was nominated for the award by his teachers for his outstanding volunteer efforts on a school fundraising fruit drive. He also has volunteered for their golf camp, blood drive, food drive, and Fox for a Day. Noah also is an active volunteer at his church and the Brigade. In March, Noah received the Outstanding Brigader award at the Boys' & Girls' Brigade, which recognizes the top male and top female 12th grade Brigader.

John Dery, commented, "We're very proud of Noah, he is truly demonstrating leadership by stepping forward with this donation and giving back to a child in financial need. Brigade has recently received nearly 30 requests for financial help, which is a significant increase over last year, and we expect many more to be coming in. We continue to pursue scholarship funds to help every child in need. We appreciate Noah's example in the community to help make sure every one of these children to go to camp."

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