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## Duanesburg High School Senior Class Donates \$4,000 of Class Fund to Regional Food Bank

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Despite a disappointing senior year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the senior class at Duanesburg Jr./Sr. High School voted to donate \$4,000 of their senior fund to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York to help local people in need.

Duanesburg Class of 2020 Treasurer Andrew Drescher and Student Council Vice President Paul Munson presented the \$4,000 check to Regional Food Bank Executive Director Mark Quandt outside the Latham facility the afternoon of Friday, May 8.

The students have been fundraising since sixth grade, holding chicken barbecues, dances, and other events, and the monies normally would have been used to pay for their prom, senior trip, and other activities. With schools closed and gatherings canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such events were no longer possible.

"The Class of 2020 discussed what to do with their class fund and decided to donate \$4,000 of it to the Regional Food Bank, which serves 23 counties in the area," said Rebecca Pless, Duanesburg High School English teacher and senior class advisor. "We also understand that the donation will be matched by the Bank of America, so the Food Bank will receive an \$8,000 total donation due to the students' generosity."

"Our seniors are a great group of kids and are very caring. We are proud of them," said Kevin DiTondo, Duanesburg High School art teacher and Class of 2020 co-advisor.



*In the photo, Duanesburg Class of 2020 Treasurer Andrew Drescher presents a check to Regional Food Bank Executive Director Mark Quandt as Student Council Vice President Paul Munson looks on.*