

CHS students have raised nearly \$20,000 so far for Leukemia &Lymphoma Society

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COVENTRY — Two students at Coventry High School have been recognized for their hard work and dedication for raising nearly \$20,000 so far and counting for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Jamison Evans and Alexandra Lillie, both juniors, raised \$19,767 and have a passion for helping others and were both nominated as candidates for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year, Rhode Island Chapter campaign. Lillie, 16, is in the vocational program for nursing and will be taking the Rhode Island state test at the end of this school year to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

"An interesting fact about me is that I drive stock cars at Seekonk Speedway in Massachusetts," she said. "I have an honest passion for helping others. That is what drew me to this cause and it is remarkable what we can as teens, to help this foundation that makes a difference in so many lives in out state."

When she heads to college, she intends to stay involved with the founda-

tion as much as possible and her goals for the future are to make it into medical school and become a pediatrician and work closely with the foundation.

"It is such an honor to be nominated for such a wonderful cause," she said.

The campaign is a six-week initiative to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through different events.

Lillie said by being involved with an organization for such a short period of time, she has made many networking connections as well as lasting

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friendships.

Evans, 17, is very proud to be a candidate for the 2016 Student of the Year.

"Some of my passions are acting, since I was a theater ambassador for Trinity Repertory Company last year, and learning languages such as Italian," he said. "I've also been an active board member with BBYO for two years, have attended Camp Jori for the past five summers and have generally been very involved in my Jewish community."

This past summer, for the first time, he had the opportunity to travel to Israel with his friends for a month.

"A trip I will never forget," he said, "and that greatly inspired me.

Not only is this the reason Evans wants to give back to the community and help those who need it, but he also gives blood on a regular basis and finds this to be the perfect opportunity to help the organization.

Last year, one of his goals was to become a lifeguard at his summer camp.

"I achieved my certification but in going through that experience, learning and training, it made me realize how fragile and valuable the human body and life, really is and how important it is that we all take care of each other," Evans stated. "I was raised with the Hebrew message 'Tikkun Olam,' or 'Repair the World,' so now I am taking the initiative."

Evans is asking for support in what he calls his resolution.

If you would like to donate to either Lillie's or Evans' campaign, go to http://events.lls.org/pages/ri/2016SOYRI/jevans or http://events.lls.org/pages/ri/2016SOYRI/alillie.