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Press Release

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*Monday, May 21, 2012:* Mayor Blair Milo announced the names of the recipients of the Mayoral Award for this quarter. The awards will be presented at the Monday, May 21, 2012 City of La Porte Council meeting.

This quarter we are recognizing four (4) young people from Handley School. Fifth graders: Jessica Gamez, Alyssa Foster, Bre Foster and Billy Kuiper organized a school wide shoe drive at Handley Elementary to help American Licorice collect shoes for Soles4Souls. They collected 180 pairs of shoes to donate. Soles4Souls is an organization that repurposes used shoes and donates them to people in need.

The nominations come from the schools and are reviewed by a committee through the City of La Porte Human Resource office. The Mayor presents the awards at the end of each quarter.

The Mayor stated, "I would like to commend these four young people for the kindness and leadership that they have shown. I would also like to recognize American Licorice for their continued involvement in the community. Shania Povlock, Hannah Jongkind and Grace Gessino were also nominated; the committee always has a hard decision to make. Each of you has made a positive impression on your school community."

Mayor Milo further stated, "I am always impressed by the nominations that we receive. So often you only hear the negative, but we are fortunate to have so many great young people in our community who are making good decisions and having a positive influence on the people around them."