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**STUDENTS FROM DAR HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA WINNERS OF \$5000
NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY GRANT FROM LEAD2FEED**

Montgomery, Ala. – Last week, the Lead2Feed Student Leadership Program awarded five schools from across the country with \$5,000 technology grants, as recipients of the Lead2Feed Challenge Early Entry Drawing. This organization encourages students to develop leadership, literacy, and teamwork skills by completing service projects in their community.

Winners were selected from registered teams, who completed and submitted final projects. These student-led projects assisted with important community initiatives, such as helping the homeless and rescuing neglected animals. These awarded technology grants included tablets and computers, to help support local students and schools in their efforts to bring meaningful change to their communities.

This program was developed by the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning, the Lift a Life Foundation, and the Yum! Brands Foundation. This year’s winning schools are:

- *DAR High School FCCLA – Grant, Alabama:* Students focused on promoting cancer awareness with the Breast Cancer Research Fund of Alabama, stocking shelves with the Salvation Army, assisting the Downtown Rescue Mission, caring for pets at the Wonder Pets Shelter, raising funds with the Covenant House organization, and reducing the amount of stray animals with the God’s Feral Felines organization. Teacher Shelley Cantrell shared this sentiment from a student, “The most powerful lesson about becoming a leader in a group is to be responsible and able to overcome any obstacles that may come your way.”
- *Mercy Academy – Louisville, Kentucky:* Students fulfilled needs identified by community charities including the Americana Community Center, Salvation Army, Family Scholar House, Center for Women and Families, Franciscan Kitchen, and the Food Literacy Project.
- *Belmont After-School Enrichment Collaborative – Belmont, Massachusetts:* The sixth grade after school arts program paired with the Beech Street Center and Council on Aging to create photo journals about significant moments in seniors’ lives.
- *Spring Lake Park High School FCCLA – Spring Lake Park, Minnesota:* Students created a food program with the Community Emergency Assistance Program.
- *Bridger High School FCCLA – Bridger, Montana:* Students participated in Bringing Unity to Our Community Day by working with nine area charities.

Since its inception over one million students from 5,000 different schools and clubs have participated in Lead2Feed. Learn more about this program at <http://www.lead2feed.org>.

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