



2020 Community Leader Youth Award



Nate Kahn

Nate is a determined, strong willed, huge hearted senior at City Honors High School where he regularly achieves high academic accolades and is a member of the varsity basketball and golf teams. Nate's success story goes far beyond being an accomplished student. Three years ago Nate defied the odds after being struck by a drunk driver while walking on the sidewalk with friends—his miraculous recovery continues to astound his medical team and illustrates our potential as human beings. In Nate's words "The event happened to me, it's NOT who I am." He has modeled courage, strength and humility time and time again- rising up from devastating challenges to overcome the odds (and multiple surgeries) to succeed with a smile....always a smile.

Nate has given back to his community volunteering with the WNY Foodbank, Buffalo City Mission, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Compass House, City of Buffalo Arts Camp, and so much more. He was recently awarded City wide "Buffalo Strong" and "Upstander" Awards. It is that physical grit and mental determination that drives Nate and inspires so many who meet him. Because of this, the NFJC proudly presents Nate Kahn with the 2020 Community Leader Youth Award.