

# Community Series

Good Shepherds Foundation – April / May 2022

## About Us!

Good Shepherds Foundation is a 501 C 3 organization. It is a collaboration between youth as part of the Youth Advisory Council (ages 13-18) and adults as the Board of Advisors. We focus on helping others, one person at a time.

Our organization focuses on helping the young leaders of our community fulfill their goals in providing support, educating, and increasing the volunteer base so that others can learn how to give back.

## History

Good Shepherds Foundation was founded by the Baird Family- Bella, Stephen, and Sophie. The organization has evolved to include members of different communities and helping in different capacities in the community.

## Mission

To help build up the lives of those needing assistance to their full potential.



## Vision

To grow our volunteer base and create opportunities in order to assure families have the essentials to lead healthy lives.

## Meet our Team!

Youth Advisory Council

- Sophia Baird
- Stephen Baird, II
- Sean Kelly
- Jaxon Pereira
- Becca Farnum
- Delaney Petri
- Maddie Hajduk
- Lucas Dickinson
- Beau Dickinson
- Kenzie Daneau
- Maddie Frank
- Brooke Currier
- Abby Levine

Board of Advisors

- Jennifer Baird
- Tom Baird, Jr.
- Isabella Baird
- Ethan Wasiejko
- Mateo Peguri
- Jada Gaudreau
- Joselyn Simmons

Our Furry Mascots

- Gronk
- Nikita

# Little Free Libraries Preview

**Abby Levine**

Little free libraries is a nonprofit organization. They are based in Hudson, Wisconsin. They want to try to build a community, inspire readers, and expand their network across the country so everyone can have access to their books. Little free libraries top story in 2021 was when they visited time square and brought books that were chosen from Robin Roberts and Michael Strahan.



# Future Plans for Activities

**Delaney Petri**

in the past few months good shepherds foundation has been working towards multiple things in our organization. What we will be working on next is making many mini libraries throughout the town. In the libraries will be books that people can take as long as they put a different book back. This will allow for new reading styles for children and allow anyone else who wants to use them! another thing the whole organization has been working on is what we call the “we are one movement”. This is a movement that tries to help kids in certain areas to learn, have a role model, and try new things! We hope to be able to try this movement out soon, and begin to find families who need it. The last thing we as a whole group have been working on is a Blue Ocean Cleanup! This will be a specific day that we are able to go down to Hampton Beach and clean up a certain area! This will encourage others to keep the beach clean and allow for less pollution in our ocean!



# Member Spotlight: Becca Farnum

Sophia Baird

Becca Farnum is a senior at Pinkerton Academy. Going into the University of Connecticut. She is going to study biomedical engineering which focuses on finding advances in technology and medicine to develop new devices to improve human health. Becca's favorite activities are hanging out with friends and going to the beach. She is also very active in basketball. She plays AAU all year round and also plays for Pinkerton basketball during the school season. Playing basketball has helped Becca a lot in teamwork and determination. She is also involved in Derry Parks & Recreational coaching basketball games. Becca is always helping the community she is always ready for a challenge and always willing to volunteer for Good Shepherds Foundation. Her favorite project to work on with Good Shepherds is beach clean-up and helping to organize the basket brigade. Beccas advice for others who want to take part in their community is "Don't be afraid to do it alone if you don't have anyone like a friend to volunteer with you don't let that stop you."





# Good News

Becca Farnum

With graduation season in full swing, this month's good news focuses on the greatest graduation gift young adults could receive. Snapchat co-founder Evan Spiegel and his wife, Miranda Kerr, together have a net worth of about \$4.8 billion dollars. Recently they decided to use some of that money for philanthropic purposes and to help struggling young adults. At the Otis College of Art and Design's class of 2022 graduation, president Charles Hirshhorn announced that they had received a donation large enough to pay off every student loan, saying "We understand this debt can compromise your future and limit your creative ambitions. We do not want to see this happen". Students interrupted him with cheering, tears of joy, and pure celebration. A weight had been lifted off their shoulders, and they were then able to just focus on the next chapter of their lives.

Spiegel and his wife's donation was the largest single donation the school had ever received; While they did not announce the specific amount, it had surpassed the previous record of \$10 million dollars.

These students are now all debt-free, and are able to pursue their dreams and focus on their futures without the burden of loan payments, all because of the couple's kindness and understanding.

