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***Saratoga Sponsor A Scholar Receives and Gives***

***In a busy week for the local non-profit that supports disadvantaged students, Saratoga Sponsor A Scholar (“SSAS”) received two incredible gifts from local organizations.***

***On Monday, Fingerpaint, a fully integrated marketing agency, chose to forgo giving holiday gifts to clients and instead made an extraordinary \$5,000 contribution to SSAS on behalf of their employees and clients. Later that evening SSAS received an additional \$1,300 from the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual gift SSAS has received from the Fund.***



***“These are game changing gifts” said Jim LaVigne the volunteer Executive Director of SSAS. “Our annual budget is \$100,000 and these gifts put a major dent in that requirement.”***

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***SSAS students also give back to the community that supports them. During this school semester they have volunteered to staff the Run for the Roc benefitting Saratoga Care, wrap presents for Home Instead Senior Care, packaged food items at Franklin Community Center, serve the Senior Center holiday dinner and staff the upcoming Mardi Gras celebration that will benefit Jakes Help from Heaven. .***



***“We have 28 great young adults at the high school level that are available to help local non-profits staff events. One of SSAS’s core values is community service” said LaVigne. If any organization needs***

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