

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Macomb County Prosecutor's Office First Service Award Recipient Dylan Rheker

Mount Clemens, MI - Dylan Rheker has received a lot of recognition in his young life while combating devastating adversity. In 2011, Dylan was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called neurofibromatosis which causes tumors to form on his spine and affects his neurological system. Dylan continues to fight his diagnosis with chemotherapy at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on a quarterly basis while remaining dedicated to public service.

"Dylan is an upbeat, remarkable young man who has graciously dedicated his life to the service of others. His community service to the Chesterfield Police Department is exceptional. I congratulate Dylan on being the first recipient of the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office Service Award," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

Dylan is currently eighteen years old and has been fighting this battle for ten years with a smile on his face. Even though Dylan is legally blind and has difficulty with his motor skills, he dedicates his time to the Chesterfield Police Department and Chesterfield Township. At age nine, he was sworn in as the youngest member of the Chesterfield Police Department and on his first day was instrumental in solving a retail fraud case. Dylan was recently promoted and awarded a gold badge. Congratulations Dylan!

Dylan is known in Chesterfield Twp. for his community service. He has been awarded by many for his selfless service including U.S. Congressman Paul Mitchell on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, Macomb County Board of Commissioners, Friends of Chesterfield Police, and President Biden. Today, the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office awards Dylan with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Service Award for his outstanding service to the pursuit of justice. Thank you Dylan for your positive, selfless service.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office Service Award was developed to honor persons who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, and dedication. Recipients of this award serve as a role model for service and dedication to seeking justice in Macomb County.

Dylan will also receive a Macomb County Prosecutor's Challenge Coin. The Macomb County Prosecutor's Challenge Coin, with the inscription "Recognizing the Exceptional Work and Dedication for all the People of the State of Michigan" is presented to an individual in recognition of special achievement for outstanding service or performance of duty.

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