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Clare/Gladwin RESD food packing crew earns volunteer award

A group of student volunteers from the Clare and Gladwin Regional Education Services District (RESD) earned recognition for making positive changes in the lives of people in mid-Michigan at the Michigan Community Action Volunteer Awards event at the State Capitol in Lansing on April 30.

“The Packing Crew,” as they have become known, was nominated by the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency and is among 10 honorees from across the state.

The RESD packing crew has played an important role in relieving area poverty by helping pack boxes for food programs. For more than two decades, RESD students have been devoted to completing the packing that needs to be done. Without their commitment and hard work, the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency would not be able to keep up with the high demand of food boxes that need to be packed. Thanks to the dedicated crew, the agency is able to pack nearly 800 boxes each day.

Michigan Community Action (MCA) awards are given annually to agency clients who overcame economic and social challenges, and to volunteers who go above and beyond to improve a community’s welfare.

Founded in 1975, Michigan Community Action serves its 29 member agencies throughout Michigan by strengthening their capacity to alleviate the causes and circumstances of poverty in all 83 counties.