

Naugatuck's PLTI Graduates - Projects and Quotes from the students

Graduate	Project Title	Description
Lisa A. Youngblood	Building Awareness	To help at least one parent find a resolution or resource to assist their autistic child and make a difference. I CAN make a difference in the community- I have stronger skills, confidence, enthusiasm, trust & leadership PLTI taught me to share my passion/cause with other parents to help-be a leader...Strong Leaders <u>MAKE</u> strong leaders!! Inspire me to do more
Peter J. Huculak III	Naugatuck's Ecumenical Food Bank Community Bulletin Board	Developing a bulletin board at the food bank to serve as a central hub for information and services in the community. PLTI gave me the tools to make me a stronger and more effective parent leader for my kids and other kids in our community
Alicia A. Aponte	Lost and Found Again Kids Closet	Recycling lost and found items back to children within Naugatuck's community. PLTI has left me with valuable skills and a great sense of responsibility, not only for Naugatuck children, but all of Connecticut children. Most importantly, I take away from PLTI a new lifetime title... Parent Leader
Eileen Coyle	Cyber Parenting; No Parent Left Behind	Training class for parents to create PowerSchool parent accounts and set up an email. Eleanor Roosevelt said "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness" I brought the candle, PLTI ignited the flame.
Cindy A.	Back to School Rally	Helping children get school supplies.

McCullouch		<p>I am a leader.</p> <p>More active in my community, and speak out more. I am not a quiet, reluctant person who let's things go. I speak what's on my mind and fight for what is right and what I believe in. Strong leaders make a difference in the community.</p>
Lorraine Swierbitowicz	Salem's Book Addiction	<p>Working to fill Salem School's library with award-winning books and recommended books by the students at Salem. I have found my inner confidence and strength. I can make a change.</p> <p>I <u>am</u> a leader.</p>
Melissa A. Teator	Page it Forward	<p>A community book exchange.</p> <p>As a volunteer and parent leader it's easy to see obstacles and say it's too difficult or not worth it. This group has showed me there are people who do care and want to get involved. I've learned all you need to do is speak it out loud and it can be.</p> <p>#parenttalk #Parentslisten</p>
Kassandra J. Fruin	Art Supplies for Our Future	<p>Action project dedicated to supporting more funding for art supplies in Naugatuck Public Schools.</p> <p>"Now I see my community as a whole, as a family. I will never think again, 'Naugatuck is not a great place to live in' Rather, I will think 'I wish every community was as passionate and wonderful as my home, the borough of Naugatuck'".</p>
Kathryn Lucke Kirdzik	Grow Where You Are Planted	<p>Beautification of Andrew Avenue park.</p> <p>Learn, grow, and build. Take chances, speak out, and don't give up on something you believe in. With guidance our</p>

		<p>children will do the same.</p>
Jonnie Reboira	The Best Within Naugatuck	<p>A collaboration of confidence, leadership and family community.</p> <p>With PLTI, it is never too early or too late to start teaching children or adults the basics of leadership.</p>
Bryan P. Kirdzik	Cooking With Jazz	<p>Afterschool program for high school students to develop cooking skills.</p> <p>What we do and who we are for our children shape not only their future, but the rest of ours...</p>
Sherri-Ann Beck	Sit for Autism	<p>A training for short term care providers of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.</p> <p>PLTI gave our community leaders. I came in as a leader, but the program brought my leadership out. In like a leader, out like a parent leader in motion.</p>
Michael T. Akra Jr.	Youth Empowerment	<p>Helping Naugatuck Youth Services to inspire youth to become active members of their community.</p> <p>PLTI is a magical experience. It empowers you to be the change you want to see. It is a life changing experience that teaches you to be more outgoing, more involved, and just more everything! It truly inspires you to be a leader in your community.</p>