Students in Royal Oak Get Multicultural

Crayons Thanks to Teens' Efforts
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Royal Oak, MI — Last fall, two seniors from Royal Oak High School, created a group called Kits 4 Kids. The two girls, Nadia Weller and Danya Sahib, organized a fundraiser to collect supplies for kindergartners in Royal Oak Schools. They were very successful and found out that after supplying all of the 525 kits to the kindergartners that they had money left over.

They reached out to the district with an idea to purchase multicultural crayons for approximately 400 first grade students. After pricing that out, they realized that they could still do more. So, with around $1400, they not only purchased these culturally responsive crayons for all of the first grade students in the district, but also for all of the 2nd graders. We applaud them for their efforts and dedication!

"We knew we wanted to give back to the community before we graduated and we had plans of doing some kind of project, but when the coronavirus hit us, our plans were altered a bit," said Weller and Sahib. "The opportunity presented itself when we saw that schools would be facing budget cuts. We

immediately thought about how this would impact younger students in school and realized the use of shared supplies wouldn't be a possibility anymore," said Class of 2021 students, Nadia Weller and Danya Sahib.

"Nadia and Danya have been passionate about this project since our first conversation," said Superintendent Mary Beth Fitzpatrick. "They have taken charge of the details and I'm impressed with their enthusiasm, organization, and willingness to give back to Royal Oak Schools. We are extremely fortunate to have this project in our district as community members, parents, students and staff work together to support our kids."

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