

## Memorial Leading Ladies/Young Leaders Club/Garden Club

The Leading Ladies/Young Leaders Club is a club dedicated to community service. Our goal is to help our young women and men to reach out and consider the needs of others. Community service is an important aspect for our future young leaders to learn, and participate in. It helps them to become better people and is an important addition to any resume, whether for college or employment.

In the past, we have raised money for local shelters, The Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, MS, The Seeing Eye Foundation, Sickle Cell Anemia, and The Make-A-Wish Foundation. We have collected food and raised money to purchase gift cards for Willingboro families in need. We raised the funds to pay for 3 operations for children with cleft palates through Smile Train. Over the years, we collected over 1000 books to donate to the Children's Hospital and their local affiliates. We have done community service at The Ronald McDonald House and the Special Olympics and have participated in the MS Walk. Over the past 4 years we have been renovating the Memorial Courtyard. We have transformed it into a butterfly sanctuary. It is an ongoing project, which is why when your child joins this club, they also join The Garden Club. Each year we go to our elementary schools during Read Across America Week. Even with the Covid Pandemic, we made a "Thank You" video for the hospital workers and staff at Virtua Hospital in Willingboro and sent 15 trays of homemade brownies, cupcakes, and Philadelphia butter cakes to the hospital.

### Our Mission:

To empower our young women and men with the skills they need to be leaders, not followers; to encourage responsibility and compassion by giving back to our community.

We are looking for young ladies and men who want to lead, achieve, and succeed!

We meet every Thursday after school in room 203.

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