

## Teaching teens about giving is heartening

The Foundation for MetroWest deserves praise for its impressive efforts to teach Concord high school students about philanthropic giving.

At the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, we have long believed in the importance of cultivating future generations of philanthropists through formalized philanthropy education. In 1988 we supported the creation of the Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project, which through its Youth Advisory Committees has since trained more than 8,000 young people in Michigan how to raise money and make wise charitable investments. We also support Learning to Give, a national organization that provides free philanthropy curricula for schools and young people.

As one of the nation's largest charitable foundations, we were heartened to read about the enthusiasm and seriousness with which the students featured in your article ("Studies in Charity," Globe West, Jan. 19) took their philanthropic responsibilities. These students offer more proof that adults can and should trust young people to be partners in making philanthropic decisions, and that preparing young people to be effective philanthropists is one of the best things we can do to help meet our common challenges now and in the future.

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