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PERRYSBURG YOUTH TO RECEIVE OUSTANDING YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

TOLEDO, OH— As a young woman herself, 22-year-old Afreen Alvi is working to help other young women find their leadership gifts through the Women of Toledo organization.

In early 2017, Alvi participated in a strategy planning and development program to establish the Young Women of Toledo program which provides coaching and mentoring for women ages 15-26 who have personal and professional development goals.

After establishing an operational budget, Alvi leveraged her peer network to create a special fundraising event, selling tickets and securing vendor support that generated \$4,250 in support of YWoT programs.

One of the first programs Alvi helped develop was a Chat & Chew group for millennial women, a safe place for them to discuss and debate constructively, build social awareness and self-esteem, and inspire each other to take leadership action in their own communities. Thanks to Alvi's efforts, there are now more than 30 youth and young women participating.

Nina Corder, Executive Director of Women of Toledo, nominated Alvi for the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award (Ages 18-23) saying, "Afreen has transformed into a great role model for other youth, and her continued involvement in the Young Women of Toledo program is a tremendous asset to our organization."

Alvi will be recognized at the 30th Annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon on November 9, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Premier Banquet Hall in Toledo. The annual event is a community celebration of the philanthropic spirit and practice that results when we work together to "Change the World with a Giving Heart."

Space is limited to 500 guests, so those who would like to attend are encouraged to reserve their tickets now. Reservations can be made online at AFPNWO.org or by calling [330-329-2472](tel:330-329-2472). The deadline for reservations is Friday, November 3, 2017.

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