



## **Donations Surpass Pledges for Gananda Dollars for Scholars' 2016 Phone-a-thon**

May 3, 2016 – Gananda Dollars for Scholars has received over \$7,700 in donations from its annual Phone-a-thon held this past March. Over twenty student volunteers spent hours on the phone calling Gananda residents asking them for donations to support scholarships for this year's graduating seniors. Ten adults also volunteered their time to help get pledge letters ready to be mailed out. All of this effort helped raise pledges of \$7,000.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars' Phone-a-thon co-chairs Jackie LaPlant and Amy Szlucha have worked hard for several months over the past two years to make the organization's largest fundraiser a success. They were excited to find out that less than two months after the Phone-a-thon, over \$7,700 – more than was pledged, has been mailed in or sent electronically through Gananda Dollars for Scholars' secure PayPal account.

You can still send in a donation, information is available at [www.gananda.org/gdfs](http://www.gananda.org/gdfs) or through Gananda Dollars for Scholars' Facebook page. Both sites will send you to the electronic donation page, as well as give you the mailing address.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars will hold its annual awards ceremony Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Among the awards will be Phone-a-thon scholarships. In 2015, fifteen graduating seniors received Phone-a-thon scholarships for a total of \$6000. In addition, fifteen 2014 graduates who received Phone-a-thon awards as college freshman, received \$200 each as sophomores through Scholarship Plus. Over \$37,000 in scholarships were awarded by Gananda Dollars for Scholars in 2015.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars would like to thank everyone who donated through the Phone-a-thon. It is a great experience for students, who learn skills, gain confidence and experience, and earn volunteer hours. Donors will hear their phones ring June 9<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM, as students participate in a Thank-a-thon, to personally thank Gananda residents for making a donation.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars is supported by local individuals and businesses, and is a part of Scholarship America. Scholarship America is the parent organization of Dollars for Scholars. It offers students and parents a resource to locate local and national scholarship opportunities. Gananda Dollars for Scholars is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which means your donation is tax deductible. If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a scholarship, please contact Gananda Dollars for Scholars at [gdfscholars@gananda.org](mailto:gdfscholars@gananda.org).