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## Madeira Senior Nominated for Giving

Madeira High School (MHS) Senior Ryan Lienhart was the leading scorer for this year's Cincinnati Hills League boys soccer season, second leading scorer in the city, and was named all-state for the second year. As the MHS football team's kicker, he was also 25 for 25 in extra points and kicked the game winning field goal that helped Madeira secure enough points to host a playoff game. Ryan has a 4.4 GPA and is considering pre-med as a college major. Now he's been nominated for an award separate from any of those accomplishments.

Ryan is one of only seven local students nominated for the I Am Sport Award which honors high school student athletes who are committed to giving back to their communities. For the past two years, Ryan has been dedicated to raising funds for City Gospel Mission – a center in downtown Cincinnati that provides food and shelter, recovery, and job readiness to more than 10,000 of the city's homeless adults and youth. As a high school Junior, Ryan took part in City Gospel's Kicking for Hunger, in which kickers from area high school teams asked for pledges for each point they scored in varsity football games. He raised over \$3,000, making him the organization's leading fundraiser for the year. Monies raised helped provide hot breakfasts and dinners to more than 100 homeless and hungry guests a day at City Gospel.

This fall Ryan wanted to do more than simply ask friends and family to donate. His uncle and grandfather had organized golf outings in the past, so he was familiar with how they were run. Over the next several months Ryan secured a venue, gathered event sponsors and in-kind donors, and prepared for over 100 participants who attended the "Kicking Hunger Golf Outing to Benefit City Gospel Mission." The event raised over \$10,000, bringing Ryan's two year total donations to the center to over \$12,000.

Ryan's dedication earned him the I Am Sport nomination, which can be voted on social media using the hashtag #IAMSPORT2019. The three nominees with the highest number of votes will be invited to attend the Cincinnati.com Sports Awards where they will find out if they won, and celebrate with other local nominees. The dual sport Madeira Senior has also been nominated for Athlete of the Year in the Boys Soccer Small School Division, which will be voted on by the Sports Department of The Cincinnati Enquirer.

After leaving his mark on Madeira Athletics, Ryan Lienhart entered a whole new arena through his commitment to helping provide for others. "It's nice being remembered for something other than contributions to sports," Ryan stated. Plenty of people who have dropped by City Gospel Mission for a hot meal would undoubtedly think it's nice too.



Ryan Lienhart and MHS classmates at the Kicking for Hunger Golf Outing (l to r) Cameron Finke, Nick Schroeder, Ryan Lienhart, Trey Waltz