On a mission...

The Saint Mary's Youth Program of Portland, Connecticut is on a mission...to raise funds to help support the International Medical Mission Trips led by Saint Francis' very own Ibrahim Daoud, M.D. The youth group, established in 2009, by Director Eileen Conniff, was formed to work with high school students who are interested in making a difference in the lives of others.

One of their members, Will Judge, participated in a recent International Medical Mission trip sponsored by Saint Francis to the Dominican Republic. Will was so amazed by what he saw on his adventure that when he shared his experience with his fellow youth members, they were inspired to raise funds to help support the organization. They held a Rock-a-Thon and raised over \$4,500.

This small group of students made a big impression in their town and especially with their State Representative, Christie

Carpino who recently invited the group to the State Capitol to honor them with a proclamation and the opportunity to present their check to Mission Director, Ibrahim Daoud, M.D. The youth group is continuing to raise funds for Dr. Daoud and Will is going on his second mission trip this fall.

