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Dear Ethan,

On behalf of the members of the Kirtland Bird Club, it is my pleasure to give you this check in recognition of your noteworthy achievements in Ornithology and to help defray the cost of your plans for this summer.

Since the age of 10, you have been actively engaged in learning about birds and how to identify them in the field. Toward these ends, over the past five years, you have participated in a number of bird surveys for various organizations. You were also among the group in Trumbull County that formed the Trumbull Bird Survey Group (TBSG), which has a website at www.freewebs.com/trumbullbirding. The information on the TBSG website should be of interest to Kirtland members, particularly as Trumbull County is outside of the region covered by the Cleveland Bird Calendar. Last year you also attended the Young Birder Track at the ABA Conference in southeast Arizona and described the event as "one amazing experience". Upon returning from Arizona, you gave Power Point presentations to birding clubs in north-east Ohio.

This year looks to be a busy one also, Ethan. You have been offered and have accepted an internship at the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site to survey the arsenal lands for breeding birds. You have also been assigned a Block to survey for the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas. That you have been chosen as a member of the ABA/Leica Tropicbirds Team to participate in the New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding is a testament to your skills in field identification. Finally, you have plans to attend the ABA Young Birders Conference in Colorado this summer.

The energy and dedication you have displayed, Ethan, in your many accomplishments are strong predictors that you will be successful in whatever you undertake to do now and in the future. Please keep us informed of your activities. As a club, we are proud to have you as a member.

Sincerely,

Delores Cole, President
The Kirtland Bird Club