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Southington student Samantha Butler awarded UTC/YMCA Youth Citizenship Award for outstanding volunteer service

Samantha Butler of Southington was awarded one of four United Technologies/ YMCA Wesley A. Kuhrt Youth Citizenship Awards for Community Service conferred statewide at the YMCA of Greater Hartford Annual Meeting. The awards are made in memory of a man known for his outstanding volunteer and professional leadership, the late Wesley A. Kuhrt, who was president of Sikorsky Aircraft and a former United Technologies Corporation vice president.

The UTC/YMCA Youth Citizenship Awards are presented annually to young YMCA program participants ages 15 to 20, who have strongly demonstrated an ongoing commitment to volunteer service. Through their experience at the YMCA, applicants and winners alike learn the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, helping them to become positive role models and leaders in their communities.

Butler has been an active volunteer at the Southington Care Center for three years, and is a volunteer with Abraham's Tent, which coordinates food and shelter for homeless men during the coldest part of the year.

Samantha is a senior at Southington High School.

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