Greetings Auxiliary Members!

As your 2023-2024 Department Children and Youth Chairman, my main goal is to recognize outstanding youth in North Dakota.

We have some amazing youth in our state. Let us give them the recognition they deserve! Be on the lookout for youth in your community who deserve to be nominees for the Good Deed and/or Youth Hero Awards.

I encourage you to visit <u>www.ndala.org/children-and-youth/</u> and <u>www.ALAforVeterans.org/youth-hero-good-deed-awards</u> for award details and the nomination process.

There are so many ideas on how to assist military youth and their families. You can also check out the various activities listed and get your units involved.

Be sure to share your successes with other North Dakota units by posting your activities to your unit's Facebook page and forward articles and pictures to the Department Office for publication in 'The Message." We will succeed when we make our youth a priority!

Jill Carstens

Children and Youth Chairman