## KIDS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE STUDENTS FROM ASHTABULA AREA CITY SCHOOLS MEET DR. JANE GOODALL!



ROOTS & SHOOTS SHOWCASE \* CHICAGO, IL, MARCH 23, 2019

Erie Intermediate students, Clara Harchalk, Michelle Pasqualone, Malia Stills, Conner Hansel and Jaselle Krenisky met and presented their Kids for Positive Change projects to Dr. Jane Goodall, on March 23, 2019, in Chicago, IL, as part of Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots student showcase.

The Ashtabula community, friends and family joined together to send Kids for Positive Change students, from Ashtabula Area City Schools, to Chicago, Illinois, to participate in Dr. Jane Goodall's 2019 Roots & Shoots Showcase, held on March 23rd at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Kids for Positive Change students shared their Earthbench Project and Last Plastic Straw Ashtabula Campaign with Dr. Jane, Institute and Roots & Shoots staff, fellow student presenters and an audience of Chicago residents and VIP guests. A one hour tabling event allowed students to share their sustainability projects using posters and props, and a two minute oral presentation allowed students to explain steps taken for each project. At the conclusion of their presentation Kids for Positive Change students thanked Dr. Jane by saying, "YOU INSPIRE US," creating robust cheers from the audience. After the student presentations, Dr. Jane addressed the students with these inspiring words, "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make." Dr. Jane shared personal stories and stories of hope for the planet. She spoke of respecting all life, both human and animal. She concluded her address by asking students and audience members to join her in the chant of hope,

## "TOGETHER WE CAN! TOGETHER WE WILL!"

AACS KPC 5th grader Conner Hansel said, "It was very exciting to present to Dr. Jane and the other Roots & Shoots Groups and really cool to see the other student projects." Founder of KPC, Camille Licate said, "Meeting Dr. Jane was a dream come true! I modeled Kids for Positive Change after her message and mission, to inspire youth to take positive action for the planet."



Pictured: Camille Licate with KPC Roots & Shoots Group \* Executive Director of the Jane Goodall Institute, Carlos Drews, and Associate Director of Roots & Shoots, Kamilah Martin with KCP students \* KPC 5th grader shows Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Associate Director, Kamilah Martin, how to make a bottle brick for an Earthbench